**“CAN I KNOW GOD PERSONALLY?”**

**Series: “BIG QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE”, part 8 of 12**

**Sunday, October 25, 2020 at 9:00 and 11:00 am**

Text: Selected Scriptures

Big Idea: Knowing God experientially through a relationship is significantly different from simply knowing information about God.

**We address the question today: Can I know God personally?**

**WHAT A PROVOCATIVE QUESTION!!**

Job 11:7-9, “Can you fathom the mysteries of God? Can you probe the limits of the Almighty? 8They are higher than the heavens—what can you do? They are deeper than the depths of the grave—what can you know? 9Their measure is longer than the earth and wider than the sea.”

1. **SCRIPTURE SAYS SOME COMPELLING THINGS ABOUT KNOWING GOD.**

John 17:1-3, “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. 2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. 3 Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”

Ephesians 1:17, I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that ***you may know him better***.

1. **SCRIPTURE REVEALS TWO ASPECTS TO THIS QUESTION:**
2. **Objective Knowledge (Knowing about God).**

James 2:19, “You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.”

**Incommunicable attributes**

**Communicable attributes**

1. **Subjective Knowledge (experiencing God in your life in a way that engages more than your intellect).**

John 14:21b, “He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.”

1. **COMING TO KNOW GOD IS AN ORGANIC MYSTERY.**
2. **From distrust to trust.**
3. **From complacent to curious.**
4. **From being closed to change to being open to change in their life.**
5. **From meandering to seeking.**
6. **The threshold of the Kingdom itself.**