**“If God is Here, How Can I Know Him?”**

3-Fold Purpose: ***Love God, Love Others, Serve the World***

One Mission: ***Make Disciples***

4 Commitments:

***Shaped by the Word***

1. Share with your life group how you came to know Christ. If you’re not a Christ follower, share some of the questions you still have.
2. Discuss something from Pastor Steve’s sermon that challenged your thinking or helped clarify something about knowing God?
3. Read John 9:35–41. This passage begins right after the blind man Jesus had healed was thrown out of the temple for suggesting to the Pharisees that Jesus came from God.
   1. What is the cause of spiritual blindness according to this passage? What is the remedy (9:38)?
   2. Read Romans 5:1-5. What is the outcome of faith in Christ according to vv. 1-2?
   3. Share something that you can personally relate to from these two passages.

***Surrendered to His Will***

1. Reread vv. 3-4.
   1. Why does Paul suggest that the natural outcome of our faith causes us to rejoice in sufferings?
   2. What does this suggest about where our priorities should be?
   3. Endurance, character, and hope – these qualities are the result of Christian suffering. Are they near the top of ‘your charts’? Discuss.

***Connected to His Spirit***

1. Reread v. 5. The word *hope* has to do with the certainty, based on faith, that what God has promised in the Bible is true.
   1. According to the latter part of this verse, what is the reality that backs up our hope?
   2. Notice that this verse makes a direct connection between God’s love and the Holy Spirit. What are the things which contribute to and hinder this reality in our lives?
   3. There is a direct correlation therefore to being filled with the Spirit and filled with God’s love. Do you sense this reality growing in your life? Discuss as a group.

***Building His Kingdom***

1. Read vv. 6-11. How might these verses help you answer someone who asks you how they can know God?
2. What person(s) are you praying for to be reconciled to God?
3. In your group prayer time, pray specifically for those who are outside of Christ whom God has brought across your path. Commit to pray throughout the week and be ready to share at your next meeting how God answered your prayers.

Weekly Scripture Memory

***“****My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.**I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.”* John 10:27-28 (ESV)