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Identity & Purpose

Experiential Knowledge of God

At a Glance

BIG IDEA

Life's true meaning is found in knowing God and living out His purposes. Believers are called to be sons, priests, kings, ambassadors, and soldiers in God's kingdom. This study explores how worship, authority, and spiritual battles shape our roles and responsibilities as followers of Christ.

PRIMARY PASSAGES

John 17:3

Isaiah 43:21

Genesis 1:26

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Ephesians 6:12

Key Takeaways

- Knowing God personally is the essence of eternal life.
- Believers are created to reflect God's glory and advance His kingdom.
- Worship involves submission to God's authority in every aspect of life.
- Christians are ambassadors, representing God's kingdom on earth.
- Spiritual battles require believers to stand firm against opposition.

Introduction

The journey of faith is deeply rooted in the personal knowledge of God. This study delves into the roles and responsibilities of believers as they live out their faith, highlighting the importance of worship, authority, and spiritual warfare in advancing God's kingdom.

Scripture Reading

- **John 17:3** — Describes eternal life as knowing God and Jesus Christ.
- **Isaiah 43:21** — Highlights the purpose of creation to glorify God.
- **Genesis 1:26** — Explains humanity's role in extending God's dominion.
- **2 Corinthians 5:17-20** — Calls believers to be ambassadors of reconciliation.
- **Ephesians 6:12** — Illustrates the spiritual warfare believers face.

Key Points

1. Knowing God Personally – Experiential knowledge of God is the foundation of eternal life. It is essential for believers to press into a personal relationship with God. This relationship is not just intellectual but involves a deep, personal connection that transforms lives. Knowing God personally means engaging with Him in prayer, studying His word, and experiencing His presence in everyday life.

- Dedicate time daily to prayer and meditation on Scripture.
- Seek to understand God's character through His word.
- Reflect on personal experiences where you have felt God's presence.

Scripture: John 17:3

2. Reflecting God's Glory – Believers are created to show forth God's glory and live under His authority, fulfilling their purpose through worship and submission. Worship is not limited to singing but encompasses a lifestyle of honoring God in all actions. By living under God's authority, believers reflect His character and purpose to the world.

- Identify areas in your life where you can better reflect God's glory.
- Practice submission to God's will in daily decisions.
- Engage in acts of service that demonstrate God's love to others.

Scripture: Isaiah 43:21 Genesis 1:26

3. Ambassadors of Christ – As new creations, believers are called to be ambassadors, representing God's kingdom and reconciling others to Him. This role involves living out the message of reconciliation and sharing the hope of the Gospel with others. Ambassadors of Christ are tasked with embodying the values of God's kingdom in their interactions and relationships.

- Share your faith story with someone this week.
- Pray for opportunities to represent Christ in your community.
- Cultivate relationships that allow for meaningful conversations about faith.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Key Points (cont.)

4. **Spiritual Warfare** — Believers are soldiers in a spiritual battle, called to stand firm against the forces that resist God's agenda. This battle is not against flesh and blood but against spiritual forces. Understanding the nature of this warfare equips believers to stand firm in faith, using the spiritual armor provided by God.
- Equip yourself with the full armor of God through prayer and Scripture study.
 - Identify areas in your life where you face spiritual opposition.
 - Join a prayer group to support each other in spiritual battles.

Scripture: Ephesians 6:12

Group Discussion

Tip: Use these questions to guide the group from seeing → understanding → applying.

Observation

- What does John 17:3 reveal about the essence of eternal life?
- How does Isaiah 43:21 describe the purpose of creation?
- What role does Genesis 1:26 assign to humanity in God's plan?

Interpretation

- How can believers deepen their personal knowledge of God?
- In what ways can worship be expressed beyond singing?
- What does it mean to be an ambassador of Christ in today's world?

Application

- What steps can you take to know God more personally?
- How can you reflect God's glory in your daily life?
- What practical actions can you take to stand firm in spiritual battles?

Prayer Focus

- Pray for a deeper personal relationship with God.
- Ask for strength and wisdom to fulfill your role as an ambassador of Christ.
- Seek God's guidance in reflecting His glory in daily life.
- Pray for protection and discernment in spiritual battles.

Next Step

Dedicate time each day to deepen your personal knowledge of God through prayer and Scripture study.

Conclusion

Experiential knowledge of God is the cornerstone of a believer's life, shaping their identity and purpose. By knowing God personally, reflecting His glory, acting as ambassadors, and engaging in spiritual warfare, believers fulfill their roles in advancing God's kingdom. This study encourages believers to embrace these roles with commitment and faith.