

# GOD IS ALL-KNOWING

Discipleship Guide #13/14

## TODAY'S GOAL

- To wrestle with both the hope and or discomfort in knowing that God knows everything and, as a result, receives a greater sense of acceptance with God.

## OPEN IN PRAYER

- Pray together and ask God to prepare your hearts to hear from His Word today.

## EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF LEARNING ABOUT GOD'S ATTRIBUTES

- Set the foundation for why you are studying the attributes of God. First, read **2 Pet 3:18** together. Then, in your own words, explain the following truth: *what we believe changes how we live* (feel free to share an example). *Therefore, what we believe about God will change the way we think, speak, and act.* Finally, share with your student(s) one way you were change by a growing trust/belief in the character of God during a particular moment of your life. Maybe resting in His sovereignty brought you through a deep depression or growing in understanding of His personability deepened your prayer life. This will give them tangible hope to change themselves!

## GET TO KNOW WHERE YOUR STUDENT(S) IS AT

- Discuss: **What do you understand it to mean for God to be all-knowing?** The goal of this question is to unpack all of the student(s) current understanding of this particular attribute of God.
- After hearing from the student(s), share with them the following description of God: "For God to be all-knowing means that He is limitless in knowledge. God is the *only* being that is all-knowing. God knows all things because He is the originator of all things which means that it is impossible for God to learn. Nothing surprises Him. "God knows all minds, all creatures, all thoughts, all mysteries, all feelings, all secrets, all desires, all personalities, all good, all evil, all workings, all things visible and all things invisible. God knows EVERYTHING!". You don't need to say this word for word. The goal is to share with your student(s) the specific truths in this passage.

## SEE WHAT GOD HAS TO SAY ABOUT HIMSELF

- Have your student(s) open their Bible and read each of the following Scriptures together. After each Scripture read discuss the following two questions: **What does this say about God? What does this say about me?**
  - **Isaiah 40:28; Proverbs 15:3; Romans 11:33-36; Psalm 139:1-18**
  - The following are more options of Scriptures to study depending on how quickly you got through the first 5: **Psalm 147:5, 1 John 3:20, Hebrew 4:13, Jeremiah 1:5**

## DISCUSS HOW WE CHANGE IN LIGHT OF GOD'S ALL-KNOWINGNESS

- The goal of this time is to help identify areas in your student's life where they struggle to believe/trust in God's sovereign nature. If you know of a particular area in your student's life that may contribute to this struggle, consider gently bringing that up with them and asking how what you learned today may help them in that area of their life. **DON'T FORGET** to share your answers

to the following with the student as well. The student(s) isn't the only one who struggles to believe in God's all-knowingness in their life fully ;).

- There are likely two main responses your student(s) may have after unpacking the character trait of God is all-knowingness. Either they may be filled with more hope and or become more convicted. Walk through the following questions with your student(s) to see where they are at.
- Conviction – Read: **Genesis 3:1-10** and speak the following truth into your student's life - *Since the very beginning, our inclination as people (even believers) is to hide our sin from God. This is not a new thing!* After speaking this truth briefly, discuss the following questions:
  - **Why do Adam and Eve hide from God?**
  - **Do you find God being all-knowing more hopeful or convicting? Why?**
  - **Are there things/sins you feel you can or want to hide from God?**
  - **How would your life change if you keep God's all-knowing attribute in mind?**
- Hope – Read: **Luke 23:39-43** and help identify the truth from the passage that even though the man's sins were ever before Jesus on the cross next to Him (literally – he was actively being punished in front of Jesus as well), Jesus saw his repentant heart and still told him they would be together in Heaven. After speaking to this truth briefly, discuss the following questions:
  - **How does God being all-knowing bring you hope?** Speak the following truth after discussing - *Even though God sees and knows everything about us, He still chooses to love us despite us. There's nothing we can do to make him love us more or less. This may lead to a growing understanding of acceptance with God.*
  - **How does it bring you comfort to know that God is all-knowing as well as perfectly merciful and good?**
  - **Are there things in your life that you feel uncomfortable sharing with your friends because you believe they will abandon you?** Speak the following truth after discussing - *in reality, if someone in this world knew everything about us, they would probably not want to be in relationship with us. We tend to feel as if we need to put up a face with others because if they knew who we truly are they wouldn't want to be friends with us. This is what makes God's love for us so great! God's love is unchanging and not based on anything that we have done.*
  - **Why do you think God loves us despite knowing everything about us?** Speak the following truth after discussing- *God knows them perfectly and still chose to call them to Himself and love them. Nothing about you, nothing in your actions, nothing in your thoughts or words, surprises God. He knows you completely!*
  - **Why is it a good thing that God is all-knowing, and we are not? Why do you think this goes against our human nature?** Speak the following truth after discussing - *God's plan is far greater than ours, yet we still want to be in control!*

## CONSIDER OPTIONAL HOMEWORK:

<https://1drv.ms/w/s!An5ireFvcG7q-EE1iByvIFk0UyXB>

## CLOSE IN PRAYER

- Encourage your student(s) to confess their struggle and be honest with God. Can be in a prayer journal or out loud. Spend time thanking God for the hope that this truth gives them.

We would love your feedback on this lesson! Click the link or scan the QR code.

