

Sermon Discussion Guide - I Want to Know Christ - I Think

- 1. What does it mean to know someone? What does it mean to know Christ experientially?
- 2. How can suffering help us to know Christ more? How does His suffering encourage us in our pain and suffering (see verses like Hebrews 2:17 and 4:15)?
- 3. Pastor Tim talked about "fellowship in suffering." How does 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 speak to our current situation?
- 4. The early disciples often had times of trial and solitude (for example Paul in prison and John on Patmos), yet continued to know Christ more and more. What lessons can we learn from their examples?
- 5. Has there ever been a time when you learned that knowing Christ was different or even more difficult than you expected? Or a time when it took you out of your comfort zone and beyond you preconceived notions? What brought you through that time?
- 6. What does it mean, as Pastor Tim said, that "Jesus died in the Garden of Gethsemane" even before He physically died on the cross? Why is surrender so crucial to our walk of faith and obedience?
- 7. How can you know Christ more this week? What specific actions will you take?