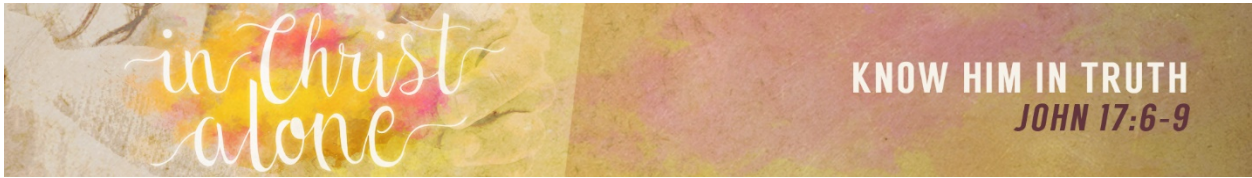


1. My _____ : God's _____ in the _____.

2. My _____ : _____ glory _____ on _____.

3. My _____: _____ revealed _____.



DAY 1

Pray: This week as we continue to study Jesus’ prayer, we will be looking at what it means to know Him in truth. As Jesus says in John 17:8, “For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to *know in truth* that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.” As you begin today, ask the Lord to open your eyes to the truth of who He is. Thank Him that through Jesus you can know the Father and walk with Him in truth.

Memorize: We will be memorizing John 17:19 together over the next few days. Begin by reviewing verses 17-18 now. Then write verse 19 on the lines below.

John 17:19, “And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

Study: Read our passage for the week, John 17:6-9. As you read, think about the role of the Father, the Son, and yourself in knowing the one true God. Then answer the questions.

- 1. Fill in the chart below with as many characteristics from the passage that describe the role of the Father, the Son, and us as we come to know the Lord in truth.

The Father	The Son	Us

2. Summarize the role of the Father in the process of knowing Him, or discipleship. _____

Summarize the role of the Son in discipleship. _____

3. Summarize the part that we play in discipleship. _____

4. To know the Lord in truth means that we have come to know by personal experience through valid facts that Jesus truly is from the Father and represents the Father. Why is it so important that we know the Lord in truth? _____

5. Look at John 4: 39-42, the story of the Samaritan woman at the well. This passage is a great example of what it means to know the Lord in truth. How was it that the people in this town came to know that Jesus is the Savior of the world? _____

6. Why was it important that their knowledge of the Lord came not only through the testimony of the woman, but also through first-hand experience? _____

7. Can you think of a time where you came to know the Lord in truth, either as a part of when you first believed that Jesus died for you or as you have come to know the Lord and experience Him in your life? Share a little about it on the lines below. _____

Pray: Respond to the Lord by writing a prayer to Him. Thank the Lord now for all the ways that He has personally revealed the truth of who He is to you. Ask Him to continue to open your eyes to the truth of who He is. _____



DAY 2

Pray: Who is the Father? How can I personally come to know the Father more and more? These are just a few of the questions that we will be looking at today. As you begin your study time, meditate on John 1:18, “No one has ever seen God (the Father); (but) the only God (the Son) who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.” Thank the Father now that He has revealed Himself through the Son, and ask Him to continue to open your heart to the truth of who He is.

Memorize: Continue memorizing John 17:19 by saying it out loud a few times. Then check yourself by filling in the correct words in the blanks below.

John ____: ____ “And for their _____ I _____ myself, that they also may be _____ in _____.”

Study: Read our passage for the week, John 17:6-9. Then answer the questions as you think about the passage.

1. Look at John 17:6-9 again and write down any verb that you see used in reference to God the Father _____

2. The word give (gave, given) in this passage means, “to give one to someone else to follow as a leader or master; to bestow, commit, or deliver.” What particularly is the Father giving and to whom is He giving it? _____

3. What does this tell you about who the Father is and what He does? _____

4. Think about the significance of verse 7, “Now they know that *everything* that you have given me is from you.” Look up the following scripture passages. What are some of the things that the Father has given the Son?

- a. Daniel 7:13-14 (the Son of Man in this passage is Jesus, and the Ancient of Days is God the Father): _____

- b. John 10:29 (read verses 27-30 for context): _____

- c. John 17:6-9 (there are 2 different things from our passage that the Father has given the Son that haven't been listed yet): _____

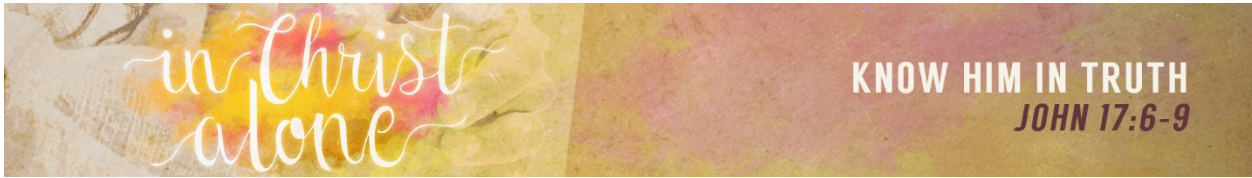
5. Think about all the Father has given the Son. Why is this significant? _____

6. James 1:17 says, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." What else does this verse teach you about God the Father? _____

7. On the lines below list some of the gifts that the Father has given you, remembering that *everything* you have ultimately comes from Him. _____

8. There is one other verb in this passage that is associated with the Father: send. To send means "to commission, to be sent on a defined mission by a superior." The Father sent the Son on a mission to save us! What else does this tell you about the Father as the great giver?

Pray: Write a prayer of response to the Father now, thanking Him for being the giver of all good things. Specifically thank Him for giving the Son, and ask Him to open your eyes to the truth of his goodness in your own life. _____



DAY 3

Pray: In John 14:8, Philip asks Jesus to show Him the Father. Jesus replies in verse 9, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? *Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.*” Today as we look at the role of the Son in knowing the Father, ask the Spirit to open your eyes to any ways that you are not clearly seeing the truth of who the Father and the Son are.

Memorize: Continue memorizing John 17:19 by saying it out loud a few times. Then check yourself by filling in the correct words in the blanks below.

John _____: _____ “And _____ their _____ I _____, that _____ may be _____ in _____.”

Study: Read our passage for the week, John 17:6-9. Then answer the questions as you continue to study.

1. Look at verse 6. Here Jesus speaks to his purpose while on earth: to manifest the Father. The word manifest means “to reveal, to shine forth.” Make sure to look at the ESV version; what particularly is Jesus manifesting about the Father? _____

2. To the Jews, names were very important. They represented the nature, attributes, and character of a person. List some ways that Jesus manifested the nature, attributes, and character of the Father. _____

3. Jesus’ purpose in coming to earth was to flesh out the Father so that we could see a living illustration and example of what the Father is like. Read Hebrews 1:3. What does this verse tell us about Jesus’ nature in relationship to the Father? _____

4. Read John 1:1-18 now. What can you learn about the Son (and therefore the Father) from this passage? Record your thoughts on the lines below as you read through each section of Scripture.

a. Verse 1-2: (the Word in this section of Scripture is referring to Jesus Christ)

b. Verse 3: _____

c. Verse 4-5,9: _____

d. Verses 10-11: _____

e. Verses 12-13: _____

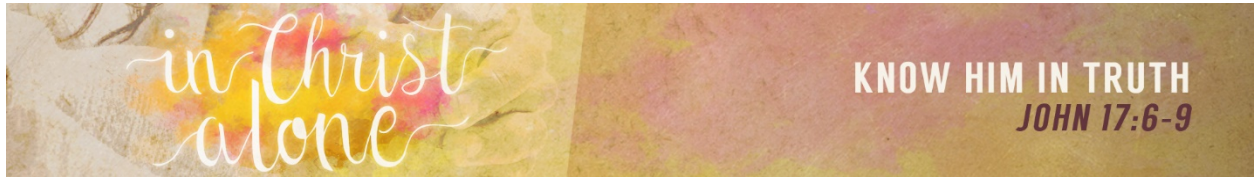
f. Verses 14-16: _____

g. Verses 17-18: _____

5. Summarize what you can learn about the Father by looking at the Son from John 1:1-18.

6. Think about the Scriptures we've looked at today. How do we come to know the truth of who the Father is and what He is like? _____

7. In John 17:8, Jesus is praying for His disciples. He says, "... (they) have come to know in *truth* that I came from you; and they have *believed* that you sent me." It was important that the disciples were completely confident that Jesus was truly the representative of the Father and that everything He did was from, by, and for the Father. Do you share the disciples' conviction that Jesus is the true representative of the Father? How does this belief affect your life?



Pray: Aren't you so thankful that the Father has revealed himself through the Son so that we can know Him? Tell Him now how thankful you are that He has revealed the fullness of His nature through the Son, and ask Him to continue to open your eyes to the truth of who He is.

DAY 4

Pray: Knowing the Lord in truth will not only shape our view of God, but it will also shape how we view ourselves as his children. Today as we look at the role that we play in knowing the Lord, begin by meditating on John 1:12-13, "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

Memorize: Continue memorizing John 17:19 by repeating it a few times out loud. Then write it on the lines below.

Study: Read our passage for the week, John 17:6-9. Use the questions to help you study the role you play in knowing the Lord.

1. In this passage of Scripture, Jesus is specifically praying for and referring to the 12 disciples who have been with Him throughout His ministry time on earth. As we study the disciples' role, it will give us insight into our own role in growing in the knowledge of the Lord. Read the passage and record in the chart the verbs that refer to the disciples' role in knowing the Lord. Also record what each verb is referring to. One example has been done for you.

Verb	What it refers to
Vs 6: kept	The Word
Vs 7:	
Vs 8:	
Vs 8:	
Vs 8:	

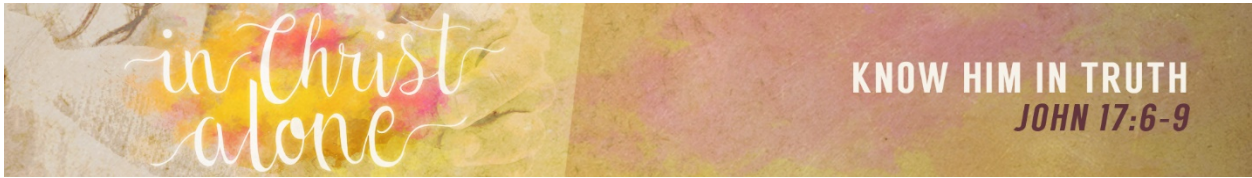
2. Let's look more closely at the actions the disciples took in response to the Father and the Son.

- a. The first response of the disciples was that they *kept the Word (logos)*. This means the disciples obeyed and guarded the commands of God, particularly those found in His written Word. Think about your own life. Are you guarding the commands of the Lord in your own life, being careful to know and observe His Word as you watch over your heart and ways? Respond on the lines below. _____

- b. Secondly, the disciples responded by *knowing*. This means that they came to realize through personal experience that everything that Jesus had, did, and was came from the Father. He was the real deal! What hinders the truth of who Jesus is from affecting your life on a daily basis? _____

- c. Third, the disciples responded by *receiving the Word*. *Word (rhema)* used in verse 7 is different from *word (logos)* used in verse 6. *Rhema* refers to the Lord speaking His dynamic, living Word into our hearts and birthing faith within us. This phrase means that the disciples actively took hold of the truths that Jesus spoke, and that as they took hold of these truths the Holy Spirit birthed faith in their hearts. What keeps your heart from receiving the work of the Spirit, allowing the Spirit of the Lord to birth faith in you as He molds and shapes you? _____

- d. Finally, the disciples *believed that Jesus was sent from the Father*. This means that the disciples had full trust and faith in the fact that the Father had commissioned the Son



with a defined mission. Though at this point they did not fully understand that mission, they trusted the Father. Think about your own life. Do you fully trust the Father with the mission that He has given you, whether or not you understand the specifics of it?

Respond on the lines provided. _____

3. Think about the four actions that were a part of the disciple's role in knowing the Lord: keeping, knowing, receiving, and believing.

a. Which of these are easier for you and why? _____

b. Which actions are more difficult on a day to day basis and why? _____

c. What steps could you take to prepare your heart to better receive the Word and work of the Holy Spirit in your life? _____

d. Where do you struggle to believe in the Father's plans and ways? Why? _____

Pray: Respond to the Lord now by writing a prayer. In it confess any struggles you face in regards to keeping, knowing, receiving, and believing. Tell the Lord of your desire to cooperate with His work in your life as He molds and shapes you into the image of Christ.

DAY 5

Pray: Today we will look a little more at the position we have before the Father as His child. Begin by meditating on 1 John 3:1, “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” Then thank the Lord that through Christ you are his child, and ask Him to open your eyes to how that truth can transform your daily life.

Memorize: Begin by quoting our verse for the week, John 17:19. Then quote John 17:17-19 from memory to review what we’ve learned so far.

Study: Read our passage one more time, John 17:6-9. Then answer the questions as you continue to study.

1. Look at verse 9.
 - a. Who is Jesus praying for? _____
 - b. Who is he not praying for at this moment? _____
 - c. Why is he praying for them? _____
2. Oftentimes Jewish rabbis would offer special prayers for their pupils. This appears to be what Jesus was doing. The disciples were the ones who would continue the work of the Father on the earth. Who do the disciples ultimately belong to and why is it significant? _____

3. Through Christ you belong to the Father. How does this truth affect your life? _____

4. Look at the following verses that talk about what it means to be a child of God. What truths can you learn from these Scriptures and what is your response to them? Use the chart below to help in your response. (See next page.)



Scripture	Truth	Response
Galatians 3:26-28		
John 1:12-13		
Romans 8:15-17		

5. How should the truth that you are a child of the living God affect....

- a. your actions and your speech? _____

- b. your thoughts? _____

- c. your choices and your desires? _____

6. What hinders these truths from transforming your life in each of the above areas?

7. Here is a special challenge. Take one or two of the Scriptures used in the chart and write them on a notecard. Then commit to reading through them and meditating on them daily for the next week. Allow the truth of who you are in Christ to transform you in new ways!

Pray: Write a prayer now to the Lord, asking Him to transform your life with the truth that you are his child.

