

SERMON NOTES

Title: To Know Him
Text: John 17:3
Subject: Worship
Date: 1-7-07

Introduction:

- A. The truth about God is, “To Know Him is to Love Him!”
- B. Twelve and a half years ago I came to you with this burden in my heart – that above all else, we might know God.
Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV), Mark 12:29-31 (NIV)

Body:

- I. To Know Him has to be our number one priority.
John 17:3 (NIV)
 - A. It is not enough just to believe in God.
James 2:19 (NIV)
 - B. The key is in the phrase, “that they may know you.”
John 17:3 (NIV)
 - 1. We must also know Jesus Christ, the one God sent into the world.
- II. The relationship we have with God the Father and Jesus the Son is a family relationship.
 - A. Family relationships are the closest, most intimate relationships we human beings can have.
John 15:13-15 (NIV), Hebrews 2:11 (NIV), John 1:12 (NIV), 1 John 3:1 (NIV), Galatians 3:26 (NIV)
 - B. This relationship is characterized by two things: love and obedience.
1 John 5:2 (NIV), John 14:23-24 (NIV)
- III. Love and obedience to Jesus and to God the Father validates our worship.
 - A. Jesus rebuked the Jewish leaders of His day for their hypocrisy.
Matthew 15:7-9 (NIV), Mark 12:30 (NIV)
 - a. To know Him is to worship Him.
 - B. Worship is the first purpose of the church.
John 4:23-24 (NIV)

Conclusion:

- John 17:3 (NIV)
 - A. First and foremost we must come to know Him.
 - B. Do you know Him today?