



One pursuit that changes everything

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In light of all that we have learned so far, and with all the different questions that have come up to this point, there is but one big question that summarizes all the others: “*so what?*“

Key Truth: The basic goals for your life are (1) to know God (by spending time with God) and (2) for God to live His life through you. THAT is the *one* pursuit that changes everything!

Once we understand the basic goals, we can see the simple course for our lives. Goals establish direction. **The ULTIMATE goal is to know God (by spending time with God).** God’s gift to humanity through Christ is eternal life (Romans 6:23). Eternal life is to know God (John 17:3).The only way we get to know someone is by spending time with that person. You can learn *about* a person through a book, but you can only get to *know* that person by spending time with them. Example: The purpose of dating is to get to know someone. While dating, you go where they go; you do what they do; you try to understand their heart, their character, their dreams and plans. By spending time with a person, you get to know that person.

How do you get to know God?

- Read the Bible (The Bible is God’s revelation of Himself. You get to know Him as He reveals Himself in Scripture.)
- Pray (Prayer is conversation with God.)
 - Talk to God in prayer
 - Listen to God in prayer
- Worship God (Worship is a time of focused reflection upon God, thanking Him for what He’s done, and learning more about Him.)
- Listen to biblically based preaching and teaching
- Time in nature (The invisible attributes of God are clearly seen by what has been made. Romans 1).

IN ALL OF THESE THINGS, WE GET TO KNOW HIM WHEN THE FOCUS IS ON HIM. We’re not just reading the Bible to gain information; we are reading the Bible to know Him. We’re not just going to church because we should; we are going to church to know Him. We are not just praying to tell God what we need; we are praying to know His heart on what we’re facing. We get to know God by spending time with God where the focus is on God.

Make it personal:

* What are you currently doing in order to *know* God? How would you describe your relationship with Him? What would that *one* pursuit mean for each and every area of your life?



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