



“the way” series

How to Know God



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There are several ways to Know God.

BIBLE – the best way to know God is to study the Bible which reveals who God is.

OBSERVE – we can learn about God by observing other people both Godly and ungodly.

PAST – taking inventory of how God has blessed you and others show us who God is.

CURRENT -- looking for God at work in our lives can reveal God (counting our many daily blessings)

RECAP

God reveals Himself to us in many ways. Start with the Bible. Know God; Trust God; then Love God. Confidence in God’s Bigger, Better Plan.

Mark 7: 24-37 (Group Study)

Listen/Read to Mark 7:24-37 using ASND/TCB

Traditions of Elders: Mark 7:24-30 (Matt.15:21-28)

- 1) Understanding 1st century Jewish culture helps us to better understand how Jesus is talking. This is not rude but Consistent with the culture. Jesus is actually challenging the culture with this rhetorical exchange.?
- 2) Faith is what is necessary regardless of your position in society. Jesus was testing her.
- 3) Can we think of ways, we as Christians should be challenging our culture to be focused on the main thing, Jesus.

Blind/Mute Man - Mark 7:31-37 (Matt. 9:27-34)

- 1) Jesus spits on his hands and touches the man. Why? I think Jesus never does the same thing on purpose, so we can see there is no formula, just faith
- 2) Why does Jesus tell people He heals not to tell anyone. He knows they will. Think are these statements really for the disciples or the people following. Jesus is not looking for attention.

Let me leave you with this, both of these stories highlight the importance of faith. The Syrophoenician woman was persistent and focused on what she knew Jesus could do. The blind/mute man was brought by friends because they know what Jesus could do. Faith was required. What should we be faithful about?

HOMEWORK for next week:

- 1) Read Mark 8:1-21**