

**SCC Small Group Discussion**  
**Catechism – Becoming More Like Jesus**  
**Q2: How can I know God?**

**Derived from a sermon on January 11, 2026 by Dr. Jeff Chandler**

**Getting Started:**

Complete this statement: “Earlier in my life the main thing that caused me to look at Jesus was...”

In what memorable way has God revealed his character or faithfulness to you? (For example: an answered prayer, a Bible verse that helped you at just the right time etc.)

**Exploring the Answer in God’s Word:**

**A: God is revealed in creation; I learn to know him personally through the Bible and through Jesus.**

Believing God reveals himself through Scripture, I spend time reading it, praying it, and obeying it. Jesus makes me a new creation.

**The five devotions this week in our free booklet focus on the following Scriptures that relate to this topic. As a group discuss how to apply them to your life.**

- I. *“The law of the Lord is perfect refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.” Psalm 19:7*

Sometimes people view the word “law” (hebrew - torah) in a negative way. Why? How does defining it as “instruction, teaching, or divine guidance” help you see it as positive and transformative? (See Joshua 1:8 and Psalm 1:1-3 for its benefits to us)

What practical step can you take this week to meditate on Scripture “day and night”? (for example, memorization, journaling, or praying through a passage)

- II. *I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.* Philippians 3:10

This week's devotion says: *"Knowing Jesus means recognizing him as God, delighting in his presence, and rejecting all idols that compete for our devotion."* How does this statement relate to your own experiences of Jesus?

Philippians 3:10 speaks of knowing Christ in both his resurrection power and his sufferings. How does holding these two realities together deepen your understanding of who Jesus is? How does it influence how you see life's blessings and disappointments?

- III. *"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."* 2 Timothy 3:16-17

This week's devotion says: *"Scripture reveals God's heart and simultaneously reshapes ours. Jesus clothes us in the 'new self', created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. (Ephesians 2:22-24) Knowing God through his Word means allowing it to renew us daily, so that our lives become living testimonies of his truth."* How does this statement relate to your own experiences with Scripture?

What are some practical ways are letting Scripture train you in righteousness? (For example: memorization, journaling, or applying specific verses to your circumstances)

IV. *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”* Romans 12:1-2

Describe what you think a living sacrifice is? How does it relate to being “a new creation” (2 Corinthians 5:17) in response to God’s mercy, love and grace?

How are we influenced and pressured to conform to the world? How does the renewing of the mind counter this? Can you give an example from your own life?

V. *Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”* John 14:6-7

Jesus connects knowing him with knowing the Father. What does this reveal about the unity between Jesus and God the Father, and how does it deepen your view of the Trinity?

The key question this week was “How can I know God?” Jesus says it’s by encountering and following him: the way, the truth and the life. John 1:14 says *“the Word became flesh and dwelt among us”*. Thus, Jesus embodies and exemplifies God’s written word or torah. In a sentence or two, express what you have “known and seen of God” by observing what Jesus said and did.

**To help you integrate these truths be sure to do this week’s daily devotions and reflections. Pray for one another as you seek to apply what God is showing you.**

**Next Week's Topic - *January 18-24, 2026***

***Q #3 – Why should I be a part of a church?***

**A: It is where Jesus deepens my understanding of him and encourages, shapes, and anchors my faith.**

Through worship, fellowship and small groups, God transforms forgiveness, godly living, and joy from ideas to integration.

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