

## **Knowing God Fully**

*Knowledge: Knowing Jesus personally and the Bible thoroughly.*

“to virtue **knowledge**” (2 Peter 1:5).

“For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe” (1 Thessalonians 2:13).

“ . . . that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God” (Ephesians 3:16-19).

“Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls” (James 1:21).

“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12).

“That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Colossians 2:2, 3).

“Oh, we can have a knowledge of God and His truth—a knowledge that is beyond expression! Tell me, what language can we find to express the knowledge that comes to us when Christ reveals His presence to us, and our hearts are softened and subdued by His power? Such knowledge is beyond expression. We cannot explain it, nevertheless we know that we possess it” (*Peter’s Counsel to Parents*, p. 25).

### **Intercession Focus: Church Members**

As we seek to know God fully, pray for each church member to:

- Fall in love with Jesus and His Word and spend time in prayer and Bible study each day
- Live a life in harmony with God’s Word, with a realization of Jesus’ soon return
- Become regularly, and passionately, involved with evangelism and service activities
- Be filled with the Holy Spirit, experience God’s love, and abide in Christ

Also, pray especially for children, youth, and young adults to rise above worldly influences through Bible study and service to others.

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While I work on the plan of **addition** . . . God is working on the plan of **multiplication!**

Dear Lord, during the next 24 hours, I feel You calling me to add this grace to my life: \_\_\_\_\_

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In Your strength and by Your power, I choose to: \_\_\_\_\_

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These are the ways I saw God multiply His grace to me today:

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## **Knowing God Fully / Church Members**

### **Suggested Plan**

#### **Introduction—5 Minutes:**

- Remind people of general guidelines for united prayer as explained in United Prayer Guidelines (available on [www.tendaysofprayer.org](http://www.tendaysofprayer.org)).
- Introduce the day's prayer topic: for church members to know God fully through an intimate knowledge of the Bible.
- Distribute five intercession cards to each person to be prayed over during supplication time. Make sure to pick them up at the end.

### **United Prayer Time**

#### **Praise—10 Minutes:**

- Praise God for being the One who wants to be known by us and who reveals Himself to us. Use the scriptures on the theme sheet to guide your praises.
- Encourage people to share their answers to prayer as praises to the God who gave them. Pray your praises!

#### **Confession—5 Minutes:**

- Silent prayer and confession time: Invite people to individually repent of their sins and ask God to show them areas of sin in their lives that may keep them from knowing Him.
- Allow about two minutes for corporate confession, asking forgiveness for sins of a corporate nature that keep others in our church from knowing God.

#### **Supplication—25 Minutes:**

- Pray for church members to have a deep hunger to know God personally. Especially pray/claim the promises on the theme sheet.
- Spend time praying together that we and others in the church will want to have a personal relationship with God as outlined in the Intercession Focus.
- Claim the outpouring of the Holy Spirit promised in God's Word.
- Divide people into groups of two or three to pray for the individuals/situations listed on the five cards they chose from the box. To help promote unity, encourage people to find prayer partners that they have not prayed with before.

#### **Journal Page Time—5 Minutes:**

- During this silent time, participants ask God how to apply the day's prayer theme in their lives during the next 24 hours. They also write down their prayer goal and blessings.

#### **Praise—10 Minutes:**

- Thank God for granting us a love for Him and for His written Word!

**Suggested Songs to Use:** "In the Secret"; "Lord, I Want to Know You More"; "More About Jesus"; "Come, Holy Spirit"; "Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet"; "Oh Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" (SDA Hymnal #574); "Near to the Heart of God" (SDA Hymnal #495); "Give Me the Bible" (SDA Hymnal #272); "God is So Good"; "Jesus Loves Me" (SDA Hymnal #190); "Oh How I Love Jesus" (SDA Hymnal #248); "Wonderful Words of Life" (SDA Hymnal #286).