

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
How to Know God.....Really Know God
John 7.14-30

Jesus' big indictment against some of the people: They do not know God! "You do not know him..." v28

How do we make sure we know God....and not just assume we do?

1. **CHOOSE** to do what God wants you to do.

Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own. v17

2. Learn by **DOING** .

If you love me, show it by doing what I've told you. John 14.15 MSG

3. Perform actions and speech that **PROMOTE GOD**, not you.

Whoever speaks on their own does so to gain personal glory, but he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him. v18

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10.31

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3.17

4. Listen well and take time to look **BELOW THE SURFACE** .

"Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly." v24

Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. James 1.19-20

5. Ignore the **CRITICS** and the **CROWDS** .

We serve God whether people honor us or despise us, whether they slander us or praise us. 2 Corinthians 6.8 NLT

Our purpose is to please God, not people. 1 Thessalonians 2.4 NLT

6. Be **HUMBLE** about what you know and don't know. (v25-27)

Be completely humble and gentle... Ephesians 4.2

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?