

Essential Fellowship: 3 of 10

“Know That You Know”
 Cornerstone Church Of Poway
 Pastor Ed Turley
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Big Idea: We can know the joy of life if we walk together in His light.

If you want to know that you know the Lord...

1. Do What Jesus Says

“My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world. **We know** that we have come to know Him **if we obey His commands**. The man who says, “I know him,” but **does not do what he commands is a liar**, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys his word, **God's love is truly made complete in him.**”

1 John 2:1-5a (NIV)

“If you love me, obey my commandments.” **John 14:15 (NLT2)**

Notes: _____

2. Love Like Jesus

“This is how **we know** we are in Him: Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did. Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in **Him and you**, because the darkness is passing and the **true light is already shining.**”

1 John 2:5b-8 (NIV)

“Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end.” **John 13:1 (NLT2)**

“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. **Just as I have loved you**, you should love each other. **Your love** for one another will **prove** to the world that you are my disciples.” **John 13:33-35 (NLT2)**

“But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.”

1 John 1:7 (NIV) Remember Verse

Notes: _____

3. Forgive Like Jesus

“Anyone who claims to be in the light but **hates his brother** is still in the darkness. Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble. But whoever **hates** his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has **blinded him.**” **1 John 2:9-11 (NIV)**

➤ Reveal Your Hurt

“See to it that no one **misses** the grace of God and that no **bitter root** grows up to cause trouble and defile many.” **Hebrews 12:15 (NIV)**

➤ Release Those Who Hurt You

“**Do not repay anyone evil for evil.** Be careful to **do what is right** in the eyes of everybody. **If it is possible**, as far as it depends on you, **live at peace** with everyone. **Do not take revenge**, my friends, but **leave room** for God's wrath, for it is written: “**It is mine to avenge; I will repay,**” **says the Lord.**”
Romans 12:17-19 (NIV)

➤ Pray For Those Who Hurt You

“You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike. If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much.” **Matthew 5:43-47 (NLT2)**

Notes: _____

➤ **Whom do you need to forgive in order to receive God's peace?**

“Dear Lord, I admit that I've allowed a root of bitterness to grow against _____. Please forgive me of this sin. I choose to forgive them, because You have forgiven me. Help me to be gentle, not judgmental. Help me to be understanding, not demanding. When people hurt me, help me to not repeat it but to let it go. Help me to be tender, without surrender, to the people who I need to set boundaries with in my life. Jesus Christ, I want to become a loving person like you. Amen.”

To set myself free from bitterness and to love like Jesus, I will:

- [] Accept the challenge to journal through scripture this week
- [] Choose to release the offender into God's hands
- [] Ask Jesus to be my Lord and Savior

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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss]

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Open in Prayer

Icebreaker: What relationship do you have that is the most confirming? Why?

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1. Do What Jesus Says

Read 1 John 2:1-5 & John 14:15

What is the relationship between God’s love and our obedience?

What motivates you to love others?

What motivates you to obey God’s commandments?

Out of Fear? Hoping to receive a blessing? Out of love and devotion?

2. Love Like Jesus

Read 1 John 2:5-8 & John 13:31-35

How is loving others a new and old commandment?

How does this affect our witness to our friends?

Read 1 John 1:7 (NIV) Remember Verse

How does Christian fellowship help us walk in love?

3. Forgive Like Jesus

Read 1 John 2:9-11

Why is love versus hate a true test of our faith?

How does hate blind us?

➤ **Reveal Your Hurt**

Read Hebrews 12:15

Why doesn't "stuffing" things down inside fix the problem of being hurt?

Can you imagine missing out on God's grace? Bitterness is easy to see in others but more difficult to see in ourselves. Without being too specific, is there someone that you're holding a grudge against? (Please don't mention names.)

➤ **Release Those Who Hurt You**

Read Romans 12:17-19

Why does "getting even" make things worse instead of better?

How does the wording, "as far as it depends on you" help you in conflict resolving?

How well do you do at leaving room for God to work? Why?

➤ **Pray For Those Who Hurt You**

Read Matthew 5:43-47

How can praying for your enemies help you heal from bitterness?

How has God taught you to be more forgiving?

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold, and pray specifically.
