

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

The Greatest / Week 2

WEEK 2

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW GOD, GET TO KNOW JESUS.

CHRIST IS THE
VISIBLE IMAGE OF
THE INVISIBLE GOD.

Colossians 1:15a

DAY 1

HEAR // The fact that God is invisible can create tension for many of us. Don't you just wish you could see Him, high-five Him, or hear His voice? Well, 2,000 years ago, people actually had those opportunities. Jesus was the visible, tangible, and audible image of God. And while we may not be able to tangibly or audibly experience Jesus, we can still learn what God is like by experiencing Jesus more. We get a visible example of the invisible God through the Gospels in Scripture. This week, take some time to read more of Jesus' story from the book of John. As you're reading, write down the new characteristics of God you discover by reading about Jesus.



"I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD.
THE GOOD SHEPHERD
sacrifices his life
FOR THE SHEEP."

John 10:11

DAY 2

HEAR // In ancient Israel, Jesus' words would have made a lot more sense. People would have understood that shepherds take great care of their sheep. Yet, when He said that He'd "*sacrifice his life*" for the sheep, He was taking it to another level. You see, Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was for us. He laid down His life so that by believing in Him, we could live. Jesus died because, just like a shepherd cares for his sheep, God cares for us. Today, think about this question: What does it mean to you that Jesus actually laid down His life for you?



Whoever says,
"I know him," but does
not do **WHAT HE**
COMMANDS
is a liar.

1 John 2:4a

DAY 3

TALK // Okay, so the word "liar" seems harsh, doesn't it? Well, all it means is that it's impossible for us to truly get to know God and *completely* ignore how He teaches us to live. But if we follow Jesus and *really* get to know Him, then we'll see that obeying Him is what's best for us. Basically, our walk backs up our talk. As we follow Jesus, our lives should begin to look like His. Today, talk to someone you trust and ask them if your walk backs up your talk. Remember, no one is perfect, but we should always be growing and learning to keep God's commands.



May God give you
more and more
GRACE AND PEACE
as you grow in your
KNOWLEDGE
of God and Jesus our Lord.

2 Peter 1:2

DAY 4

LIVE // Do you know what happens when you get to know Jesus? According to one of Jesus' best friends, Peter, we get more grace and peace in our own lives. The more time we spend getting to know Jesus through things like prayer, Scripture reading, and being a part of a church, the more peace we'll feel about life. Who wouldn't want more peace in life and more grace for others? This week, be intentional about taking time to get to know Jesus—maybe a few minutes in the morning or a few minutes before you go to bed. In the end, the time you spend will be worth the grace and peace you get in return.



This is the way
to have eternal life
— to know you,
the only true God,
and Jesus Christ.

John 17:3a

DAY 5

PRAY // According to Jesus, the way we get the life He created us for is by getting to know Him. Now, eternal life is more than just getting into Heaven. When Jesus talked about it, He was referring to a life that is *thriving today* and forever. Sometimes though, if we're really being honest, following Jesus doesn't seem like the best (or most fun) way to live. BUT, He promises that getting to know Him leads us to a better life. Today, ask God to give you the perspective you need to follow Him—even in the moments when something better seems to cross your path.

