

REVIVAL

"YADA, YADA" - from familiar to fully known

Day 1: Ankle Deep - Do you KNOW Him?

Read : Ezekiel 47:1-12, John 14

In John 14, Jesus says the way to the Father is to "Know Him". In Hebrew, this word "to know" is "yada". Yada isn't just intellectual "knowing" or just being very familiar with something. Yada means knowing on a deep, relational, experiential, and intimate level. Yada is the difference in knowing about someone, and truly knowing them. Yada is also used to describe the way that God knows us (read Psalm 139, Jeremiah 1:5). The question for us is: Do we know Him in the same way? In Ezekiel 47, the prophet sees water flowing from the temple in a vision from God. This water represents God's life giving presence flowing out to provide life and fullness to everything it touches. Being in this water is having that relational and experiential knowledge of God. Of course, in the beginning this water is only ankle deep. For many of us, this is where we might be right now. We have plenty of head knowledge about God, but His voice feels distant and His presence is really only ankle deep. We know He's there, but we aren't deep enough to be moved, transformed, or carried by Him just yet.

- Where are you right now in the river, or in your journey towards "yada"?
- What do you know about God's Spirit that you haven't experienced yet? Is this an area that you are keeping Him at a comfortable distance?

Day 2: Knee Deep - Go deeper

Read : Ezekiel 47:3-6, John 15-16

In this vision, as Ezekiel moves deeper into the river, he has less and less control. He goes from having water to his ankles, knees, waist deep, and finally so deep that no one could cross. Similar to our journey of walking deeper into the presence of God, we have to surrender our own desire for control with each step we take. We can know all about God's presence, His power, His Spiritual gifts, and what His Word says, and still have a shallow relationship with Him. Even with all that knowledge, we can still just be ankle deep and not allowing God to fully move our lives. In fact, we can even stand on the banks of the river and know everything about the river without even getting our feet wet. Jesus invites us to something so much deeper. As you read in John 15-16 today, the word "remain" is translated to "meno". This word "meno" is staying in a deep personal relationship with God. Jesus is telling us exactly how we can achieve "yada" or this deep understanding of God's presence. We have to remain, or meno, with Him. As you read the scripture today, listen to Jesus' words as He invites us to experience His Spirit through surrender and transformation, as we jump into the river with Him.

User Guide:

How to use this study guide:

- **Pray** : Ask God to reveal Himself to you.
- **Read** : Read the daily scripture, take notes, and write down anything the Spirit reveals to you.
- **Study** : Read the daily study section and prayerfully answer the discussion questions.
- **Act** : Use the "Spirit in Action" section each week to look for ways to experience the power of the Holy Spirit in your day-to-day life.
- **Gather & Share** : Gather with your small group and discuss what the Spirit has revealed to you during this weekly study.
- **NOTE** : If you need help finding a group - Please reach out to Melonie at: meloniep@gumchurch.com

- What would taking one step deeper into the water look like for me right now? What about in each of these areas? Write down the next step of surrender for each one.
 - My thoughts:
 - My schedule:
 - My relationships:
 - My desires:
 - My future:

Day 3: Waist Deep - **Trust the river**

Read : Ezekiel 47: 5, Romans 8

Many times in life we just want God to give us the answer. Which job should I take? When will I be healed? Where should we move next? We can often treat the Holy Spirit like some type of Holy Google Maps. We desire step-by-step instructions from a God who is much more interested in the transformation of our hearts. It's that moment in the river when you suddenly can't touch the bottom. What do you do? Do you swim for shore or scramble to a space where you can touch and gain control, OR do you trust the river to carry you? As hard as it is for us to let go, we have to surrender in order to fully experience "yada" with God. We have to get in over our heads to experience the transformational power of God's presence. God wants to carry & transform you into a new being. All He asks is that we let go & trust Him.

- Where am I asking God for certainty when He's asking me to trust?
- Is there a nudging from the Spirit that may require obedience BEFORE I have all the answers?
- Ask God - "What are you inviting me to notice?". Give at least 3-5 minutes of silence and listen for His voice. Let the river carry you for just a moment. Write down anything that came to mind, even if it doesn't make sense just yet.

"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God"

- ROMANS 8:14

Day 4: Swimming - **Death to life**

Read : Ezekiel 47: 6-10, Galatians 5

In Ezekiel's vision, the river brings life to everything it touches. The Dead Sea comes to life, fish multiply, trees grow, and endless fruit appears. Life grows where the river flows. We see this in our own lives as well. The Spirit's presence produces life where things were once dead. In Galatians 5, Paul lists some of these potential endless fruits of the Spirit. These are transformational character changes that grow with the consistent presence of the Spirit in our lives. Fruit doesn't grow overnight, it grows through remaining, receiving, surrendering, trusting and abiding in His presence. This is what it means to become more like Christ. Which of these fruits are evident in your life, and which do you need God's Spirit to bring back to life?

- **Love** - I choose other's good, even when there is a cost.
- **Joy** - I can see God's goodness, even when my circumstances aren't good.
- **Peace** - I don't have to be in control.
- **Patience** - I give people and processes room to grow.
- **Kindness** - I make love tangible.
- **Goodness** - I do the right thing, even when no one will see.

Spirit in Action

Join us each week as we look for ways to practice experiencing the gifts of the Spirit in Action.

Witness

Read : Matthew 5:16

When we are filled with Spirit, we notice what God is doing around us, we allow the Spirit to work in and through us, and we point others towards toward Christ.

1. NOTICE - Acts 8:29

Prayerfully ask the Spirit to reveal who He is bringing to your attention.

- Instead of seeing others as interruptions to your day, ask the Spirit if this is a "divine appointment".
- Take notice when someone opens up to you unexpectedly, or when you are prompted to reach out to someone.
- Obey the Spirit's nudges

2. LISTEN - James 1:19

Spend time listening to them and understanding what is happening beneath the surface level in their life.

- Listen for ways you could pray for them
- Listen and sit with them in their hard moments vs. trying to "fix" or control the situation
- Take the time and offer to pray WITH them and not just for them.

- **Faithfulness** - I show up and do what I say, even when it's hard.
- **Gentleness** - I am strong, but under the control of the Spirit.
- **Self-Control** - I am not controlled by my impulses.

Day 5: River Flowing Beyond You - **Overflow**

Read : Ezekiel 47:9-12, Acts 2

The river in Ezekiel's vision exists to bring life. God's presence is meant to bring life and flow outward, just like the river. Yada with the Spirit isn't just about us as individuals, it's about allowing His Spirit to flow in and through us. We receive comfort in order to give comfort to others, we are filled with His Spirit of love to pour that out to others, and we are ultimately transformed to be equipped to do His good work in the world around us. Instead of just talking about the river, or showing it to others, be the person that carries the river into the room. Ask yourself if your presence in a room or relationship brings evidence of the river flowing in your life - Do you bring?

- **Hope** - Read Romans 15:13 - *Do people leave my presence believing that God is still at work?*
- **Peace** - Read Galatians 5:22-23 - *Do people feel more grounded & less anxious after spending time with me?*
- **Encouragement** - Read Thessalonians 5:11 - *Do people leave remembering what is good, possible, and true about themselves?*
- **Truth** - Read Ephesians 4:15 - *Do people encounter healthy boundaries, accountability & honesty without judgement or condemnation?*
- **Compassion** - Read Colossians 3:12 - *Do people feel seen, heard, and understood after being with you?*
- **Joy** - Read Philippians 4:4 - *Do people experience the goodness of God through my life in all circumstances?*
- **Reconciliation** - Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 - *Do people experience movement towards repair vs. winning in conflict with me?*

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses”

- ACTS 1:8

3. LOVE - 1 John 3:18

Ask the Spirit to reveal how you could tangibly show them the love of God.

- Out of your overflow, be the person in their life that brings the river to them.

4. SHARE - 1 Peter 3:15

Tell others about what Jesus has done, or is doing, in your life right now.

- Share what God is teaching you or working on in your life, even if you don't have it all figured out just yet.
- Don't be afraid to say you don't know all the answers
- Focus on being relational vs. performative - speaking with humility & authenticity

4. INVITE - Ephesians 2:10

Prayerfully invite them to take that one next step in their faith journey.

- Invite them to encounter Jesus, and let God do the rest
- Sometimes fruit takes time to ripen, don't be discouraged with a no, or a not yet
- Focus on inviting and planting seeds vs. pressure or force
- Sometimes the most powerful invitation is simply "Would you come with me?"