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PRAYER

Loving Lord, I want to know you more and abide in your word and become a true learner of you. Help me, Lord, to learn of you and grow in grace, for I want to know the truth and to be set free from the bondage of sin – a freedom that only comes as I abide in you. I ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

- Knowing Jesus

WARM UP (OPTIONAL)

Who is one person you know very well that is not a member of your family?
How did you get to know them?

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WORD

²³ He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.

²⁴ I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins."

²⁵ So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning.

²⁶ I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him."

²⁷ They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father.

²⁸ So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me.

²⁹ And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him."

³⁰ As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,

³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

³³ They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free?'"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.

³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever.

³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

[JOHN 8:23-36](#)

v. 32—"know the truth"; know—γινώσκω (ginōskō)

Ginōskō is when you experientially learn something. Knowledge possessed through the intellectual process of learning is one thing. Knowledge gained by experience, by an active relationship between the one who knows and the person or thing known, is far superior to the former.

Ginōskō is that knowledge that comes not just by reading and listening, but by acting and obeying the Lord. You may intellectually know some truth, but you don't really know it experientially until you surrender and obey the truth. A person must be determined to obey the Word if he expects to understand it.

- Pastor Timothy Loh
Every Nation Malaysia

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1-10 (1 = none at all; 10 = completely), how would you rate how FREE you feel? Why do you rate yourself this way?
2. What does it mean to be a slave to sin (vs 34)? What does a life of complete freedom look like to you? How can you walk in this freedom?
3. To ABIDE means to STAY or to REMAIN. Knowing this, what does it mean then to ABIDE in God's word (vs 31)?
4. Have you put your trust in Jesus for eternal life in him? Would you be willing to ABIDE in God's word in every area of your life? Would you like to enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus? Ask your Life Group leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYER