

# The Knowledge of the Holy Participants Guide – Week 1

**The Main Idea:** Your understanding of who God is dictates the course and future of your life.

## Discussion Questions:

- Why would understanding who God is dictate the course of your life and its future.? What possible impact could that have?
- Why is this so important to think right about God? Make a list of all the different beliefs and ways to believe in God are out in the world today?
- **What thoughts do you have about God when reading this quote?**  
“Oh, my brothers and sisters in Christ, if sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies. And if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stop, and not madly to destroy themselves. If hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for.” Charles Spurgeon
- Read Hebrews 11:6, 1 Corinthians 2:11-14. What do the writes tell us and promise us about God?
- Read John 16:7-11, 13-16. What does Jesus us Promise us?
- **Read Matthew 22:35-40. What does Jesus tell us about here in regard to what we must do? Which kind of faith/belief do you have. Pulling a trigger or Jumping on the back?**
  - The European idea of faith/belief has devolved into an intellectual exercise that may be expressed in the image of a hunter raising his rifle to shoot at a stag from a great distance. The hunter from a distance only needs to aim and then move his index finger half an inch
  - The African way of thinking about faith/belief—presents us with the much more visceral image of a lion pouncing upon a animal. The lion’s whole being is required in the action; its sinews and muscles and bones are all vitally central to the task.
- Read John 17:3, Jeremiah 9:23-24. How does Jesus define Eternal Life? According to Jeremiah what is God’s desire?

## **Action:**

**GRAND TRUTH:** God opens his heart to you, making friends with you and enlisting you as a covenant partner. A relationship in which we sinful people can know God. How can you put into motion the steps below?

- Read and Listen to God’s Word and receiving it as the Holy Spirit interprets it, in personal application
- Noting God’s nature and character, as his Word and works reveal it
- Accepting God’s invitations and doing what He commands you to do
- Recognizing and rejoicing in the love and knowledge that He has shown to you as He is drawing you into this divine fellowship

## **Plan:**

## **Prayer**

O God, quicken to life every power within me, that I may lay hold on eternal things. Open my eyes that I may see; give me acute spiritual perception; enable me to taste Thee and know that Thou art good. Make heaven more real to me than any earthly thing has ever been. Amen (Tozer)

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**