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• Today's sermon is about God.

• It is about God most of all because everybody should know God.

• God is very important. He should be the most important PERSON in our life.

- You see, He made us.
- And we belong to Him.
- The whole world belongs to Him, and the sun and the moon, and all the millions of stars that twinkle far, far above us.
- All this belongs to Him if we've received His forgiveness and grace at the cross.

• Don't you think we should know Him?

To know God is to love God!!

• Deep down in our heart there is a little knock at our heart (Rev.3:20) that tells us that there is a God and that we ought to know Him.

- Let's turn to Revelation 3:20 and read it: Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears and listens to and heeds My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will eat with him, and he [will eat] with Me.
- Some people do not listen to that little "knock"; they do not want to know God.
- Some people listen, but make their own gods.

People have made gods of wood and stone.

• Some have prayed to the sun and the stars, as if they were gods.

• Others make "money", "people", "jobs", "careers", etc. their god.

• But such gods cannot hear us, or see us, or help us as the God of the Universe can.

• We need to know the TRUE God, who SEES us and HEARS us and can HELP us when we need Him.

- Did you ever see a baby reach up its arms to its mother or father?
- The baby needs its mother and father and wants them.
- A parent takes care of her baby.
- A good parent takes care of all her children.

• We are God's children because He made us; we belong to Him.

And we NEED Him to take care of us.

• As we learn about God, we will find out:

- how great He is;
- how wonderful and good He is;
- how much He loves us;
- how He takes care of us;
- what He wants us to do;
- and much more.

• To KNOW God is really the most important thing in all the world!

• It will make us really happy.

• When we know Him, we will love Him, we will trust Him, and we will obey Him.

- Many people "know about" God but don't "KNOW" God.
- It is very important to learn about our God in heaven.

- Why? Because He is the most important PERSON in our lives.
- And other people need to KNOW our Wonderful God.

Prayer:

- God in heaven, we are glad that we may pray to You.
- We ask You to bless us as we learn about You.
- We want to learn more and more about You, to that we will love You very much.
- We can hear you knocking; come into our hearts Lord Jesus!!
- In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What does the little "knock" at our hearts tell us?
- What are some of the wonderful things God has made?
- Why do we need God?

SCRIPTURE:

- Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.
- Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.
- Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. (Psalm 105:1-4)

MEMORY VERSE:

• Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. (Isaiah 55:6)