

## CONNECT WITH GOD THROUGH

# LEARNING

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You connect with God through learning. You place a high value on loving God with your mind. You are not content with trite answers or shallow responses, but rather you seek the depth of knowledge of God in every situation. You have a lot of questions, and these questions drive you to learn and ask God for insight until you feel a resolve within yourself. You need to understand not only what you believe, but why you believe it. You know that the truth sets people free, therefore you value knowing and sharing the truths of God so people can experience that freedom. You feel the closest to Him when He gives you revelation on His word and His nature. Revelation is God giving you access to see something you didn't see before. When you pray, you speak to God and when you study, God speaks to you. Through learning, you enter into God's presence and you feel the closest to Him when He shares His revelation with you. Your prayer is, "God, teach me Your ways so that I may know You!"

### SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

- Read the Bible through the lens of gaining understanding and knowledge of who God is and the way He relates to His people. This will help you connect to the heart of God as well as gain knowledge about Him.
- Invest in biblical study. Use tools to help enhance your study and understanding of scripture such as commentaries, websites (BlueLetterBible.org or BibleHub.com), Logos software, etc.
- Read books that give a deeper understanding of God's Word.
- Do a year-long in depth study of one topic.
- Listen to podcasts and sermons from a wide array of communicators. Be sure to include those that challenge the way you think and believe.
- Invite God into your curiosity!
- Don't be limited to studying Scripture or history, encounter God by learning from different resources.

### SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2, Deuteronomy 33:10, 1 Kings 4:29-34, Psalm 49, Proverbs, Zechariah 4, John 8, 2 Timothy 2:15

### ENCOURAGEMENT

Lean into your daily encounters to know God and not just know about Him. When He teaches you and gives you understanding, He is giving you access to Himself. As you are learning, ask God to show you things in a different way and receive His revelation about who He is and who you are.

When God is teaching you, follow His leading. Don't limit yourself to the Bible plan you are reading. If God is speaking to you, allow yourself to take extra time on a single word, phrase or portion of Scripture. Part of connecting with God through learning is allowing space to go down the rabbit-trails He is leading you into through Scripture—there is revelation waiting for you as you follow His lead. The Holy Spirit is the best teacher, and He wants to reveal new things to you each time you sit down to listen.

### BOOKS

- The Enduring Word Commentary by David Guzik
- Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis
- Bible Study Methods by Rick Warren
- Spirit filled Bible by Jack Hayford
- How to Read the Bible for All its Worth by Douglas Steward
- Understand the Bible in 30 Days by Max Anders
- Knowing Doctrines of the Bible by Myer Pearlman