

PEOPLE OF THE EMPTY TOMB

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Life

Who is someone in your life that really knows you well? What do you think allowed that relationship to develop? What do you require in a relationship to be *known*?

When you think about your future, what are you most excited about? What are you most unsure about?

Theology

Read Philippians 3:10 and John 17:3.

- Paul says he wants to know Christ. How is “knowing Christ” different from simply knowing about Him?

Read Philippians 3:12, 1 John 3:2 and Ephesians 2:10.

- What tension do you see between belonging to Christ now and not yet being fully like Him?
- What does it mean to you that Christ has taken hold of your life by laying down His own?

Read Philippians 3:13–14 and Isaiah 43:18–19.

- What do you think Paul means by “forgetting what is behind”?

In Practice

What do you need to “leave behind” as you move forward following Jesus?

What has been a major takeaway for you from this series?

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“KNOWING CHRIST DOES NOT MEAN TO HAVE HEAD KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HIM BUT TO KNOW HIM PERSONALLY AND RELATIONALLY...IT MEANS TO KNOW HIM AS CHILD AND PARENT KNOW EACH OTHER, OR WIFE AND HUSBAND— KNOWLEDGE BASED ON _____ AND _____—AND THUS TO KNOW CHRIST’S CHARACTER INTIMATELY.” -GORDON FEE

THE GOAL FOR PAUL:

- Not to _____ the law, but to _____ Christ.

WHAT ARE WE “PRESSING ON” TOWARDS?

- It’s the fully _____, fully _____, fully _____, fully _____ reality that God has laid out for our lives.
- Following Jesus is not about trying to become somebody that you are not. It’s about becoming _____.

Our New Reality as People of the Empty Tomb:

- Sin has no _____. (Romans 6:1-14)
- We are able to be _____ to God. (2 Corinthians 5:11-21)
- The Spirit of Christ _____ us, (Romans 8:1-17)
- We keep _____ forward into the life that Christ has taken hold of us for. (Philippians 3:10-14)

ONE THING:

We _____ on.