

Who is Your God?
Week 1: A God who makes Himself Known

1. Psalm 9 is a request by David for the Lord to intervene and deliver him from the oppression of his enemies. And in the midst of his lament and request, we find a declaration of the Lord's character and a commitment to trust Him (vv. 7-12).
 - a. What does your interaction with the Lord typically look like when you are in the midst of a difficult time?
 - b. What do you see in David's response to adversity?
 - c. How is this instructive, helpful, and/or challenging for you personally?

2. As David reflects upon God's justice, in v. 9 he affirms the fact that the Lord is a "stronghold for the oppressed."
 - a. Given the fact that David is still surrounded and afflicted by his enemies, he clearly doesn't mean that God keeps us from all suffering, harm, or persecution. What then does it mean for the Lord be a stronghold for the oppressed?
 - b. How have you experienced the protective care of the Lord in your own life? What did it look like?

3. In v. 10 David declares that those who know God's name put their trust in Him.
 - a. What is the significance for you of the fact that you can actually *know* God, and even know Him by *His name*?
 - b. Clearly this should be a big deal, but for many of us we seem to take it granted. Why do you think that is?

4. In what ways have you been growing in your knowledge of God lately?
 - a. What has God been using to grow you? What have you found that God uses in your life to be the most effective means of increasing your personal knowledge of God?

5. What does your current rhythm of pursuit of God in prayer and Scripture study look like? What practical things have been most helpful for establishing consistency and fostering growth in your spiritual life?