



Knowing vs. KNOWing

BOTTOM LINE: You can know a lot about Jesus
but not know Him personally.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Bibles
- Student Notebooks

icebreaker question

ASK: *Who is someone that you know a lot about? Like an athlete, celebrity, YouTuber, etc. Tell us everything you know about them.*

hear from God through His word.

DO THIS: Read **Mark 8:27-29** as a group and then lead your students in a discussion about the passage using the questions below.

Bible Moment

"Messiah" means "chosen one" or "annointed one" and was God's promised Savior sent to rescue His people and set up God's Kingdom.

- Tell your students to open their Bibles to **Mark 8:27-29** and ask someone to read it out loud for the group.
- **ASK:** *Who were the disciples? How were they different than the other people that Jesus asked about?*
- **ASK:** *Do you think that the disciples knew Jesus differently than other people knew Him? Why or why not?*

talk with others about our faith.

DO THIS: Lead your students in a conversation about how well they know Jesus using their **Student Notebooks** and the questions below and on the next page.

- Tell your students to open their **Student Notebooks** to a new page. Then, tell them to imagine that Jesus is asking them the question, "Who do you say I am?" and write their response in their notebook.
- **ASK:** *What did you write in your notebook? Why did you write that?*
- **ASK:** *Being honest, would you say that you "know about" Jesus more or "actually know" Him personally more? Why do you say that?*

- **ASK:** *What can you do to get to know Jesus more on a personal level?
How can this group help you do that?*

Live in a way that honors God.

DO THIS: Give your students the following **LIVE** challenge for this week.

- Set aside at least 20 minutes this week to spend time with Jesus. You can spend that time praying, journaling, listening to worship music, reading the Bible and reflecting, or simply sitting with Him. Tell someone in the group when you plan to spend that time with Jesus so they can check in with you to see if you actually did it!

say this:
A relationship with Jesus is like a friendship. The more time that we spend with Him, the better we get to know Him. If we want our relationship with Jesus to grow, we need to commit to spending more time with Him.

pray by talking to God.

DO THIS: Lead your students in a time of prayer in pairs using the prompt below.

- Tell your students to pair up and share with their partner when they plan on spending their 20 minutes with Jesus this week. Then, tell them to each spend 30 seconds praying for each other to stick to the time they plan to spend with Jesus this week and that they would get to know Jesus more in that time with Him.



memory verse

*"Then He asked them, 'But who do you say I am?'
Peter replied, 'You are the Messiah.'"*

Mark 8:29