



Pastor Dave Patterson Big 4 Part 2

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

[1 Corinthians 13:12 (Message)]

*We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, **knowing him directly and fully, just as he knows us!***

[Matthew 7:21-23]

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name, drive out demons and in your name, perform

many miracles?’²³ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

[1 Timothy 2:4-6]

*God our Savior wants all people to be saved and to come to a **knowledge** (epignosis) of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people.*

[John 17:3]

*And this is the way to have eternal life—**to know you**, (epignosko) the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.*

[Philippians 3:8 & 10]

*Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the **infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus** my Lord. For his sake, I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ ... “That **I may know** (epignosko) **him** and the power that raised him from the dead”*

[Ephesians 1:17-19 (MSG)]

*That’s why, when I heard of the solid trust you have in the Master Jesus and your outpouring of love to all the followers of Jesus, I couldn’t stop thanking God for you—every time I prayed, I’d think of you and give thanks. But I do more than thank. I ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in **knowing him personally**, your eyes focused and clear, **so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do** and grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength!*

[Psalm 23:1-5]

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name’s sake.

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For **You** are with me; **Your** rod and Your staff, they comfort me. **You** prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Many people know about God but do you really "know" Him? What is the difference between the two?
2. How can we know Gods plan for our lives? Share a moment or season of your life when you just knew you were operating right in the center of Gods plan for you.
3. How can we get to know God better? What are the evidences of making His house, our house?
4. Was there an event in your life when God unquestionably made Himself known to you? Was it on a mountain top or were you in a valley?