

Step #2 Growing in Christ

Ephesians 2:1-10

Where were we?

In the book of Ephesians we shall study this process and learn how we will pursuit it in KBC

(Ephesians 4:13-16)
the <u>Great Commission</u> +
the <u>Greatest Commandment</u>
= biblical church mission

Our Discipleship Process:

Knowing
Growing
Going



Christ-center & Bible-center worship service



(building up in love)

Our worship service should focus mainly of declaring the glory of God through the Bible

Knowing

God—our

worship

service

Growing

in Christ—

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Going to

Serve—

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Unbelievers

New Believers

Mature Believer

The Great Commission (equipping the saints)



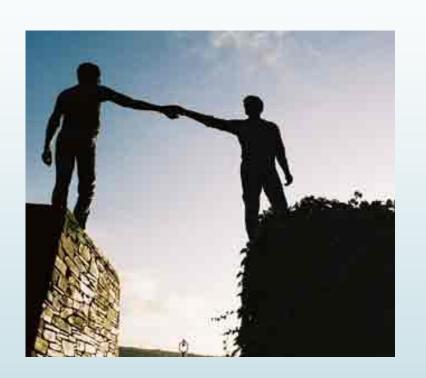
Knowing God's Grace to Us



- ► (2:1-3) before we've known God, we were dead in our sins (v.1) following the world (v.2) and our fleshly desires (v.3)
- (v.4-5) It is through God's **mercy**, **love**, and **grace** that we can know God and be with Him.
- "With" repeats 4 time, the heart of Christ is for us to be with Him
- (v.8-9) If people do not know God's love, grace, and mercy, they cannot respond to His gift of salvation and eternal life—it is up to us to tell others

Bringing People to Know God

- We need to bring people to know God—to give them opportunity, to respond to God's love
- We need to continue to <u>bring the</u> whole congregation before God and get to know God as a family, letting Christ to be the head of this church, to honor Him and to reflect His beauty.
- The next step is to bring people to grow in God





- What does it mean to be walking with Christ? (v.4-7)
- (v.7) It is his ultimate desire to show Himself to us (v.7) Walking with Christ is to embark on a spiritual journey to get to know Christ as He shows himself to us
- Notice how Paul try to describe God...
- Do you know God's mercy, both biblically and personally?
- Do you know God's grace? What about His love?
- The more you know God, the more you appreciate God's gift to you (v.8-9) and less and less about yourselves—this is **growing** and **walking** with Christ

We are God's Workmanship



- Do you believe that you are His workmanship? (Psa. 138:8; Jer. 29:11)
- Do you know that you are **fearfully and** wonderfully made? (Psa. 139:14) and that the work of God is still going on today? (Phil. 1:6; 2:13)
- More than just showing Himself to us (v.7), He is shaping us for a ministry(s) that we are specifically created to preform!
- Instead of self-esteem, we can find purpose and value in God and His work in us.

A spiritual journey to grow in Christ



(building up in love)

Jesus wants
to be with
us and show
Himself to
us, as we
respond to
Him we can
grow in Him

Knowing God—our

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