

Who Knows the *REAL* You?

- A. Here's a couple of questions to consider:
 - 1. How many people do you know?
 - 2. How many people know you?
- B. But dig deeper: how many people do you *actually* know, and how many people *really* know you?

I. Knowing and Being Known is Rooted in the Very _____ of God

- A. John: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was _____ God" (John 1:1-5).
- B. Jesus: "Whoever does what is true comes to the _____" (John 3:16-21).
- C. Jesus: "I know [the Father]" (John 8:12, 19, 48-59).
- D. Jesus: "I and the Father are _____" (John 10:22-31).
- E. Jesus: "I have come into the world as light..." (John 12:44-46).
- F. Jesus: "That they may be _____, even as we are one" (John 17:1-26).
- G. John: "If we walk in the light...we have _____ with one another" (1 John 1:5-7).

II. The _____: The Realm in Which We Walk Together in and Towards the Light

- A. *Matthew 18:14-17* - Jesus assumes that each disciple will be part of a group of disciples.
- B. *1 Corinthians 5:9-12* - the church is a God-designed environment in which I can be judged.
- C. *Hebrews 13:17* - membership in something larger than myself is implied throughout the Bible.
- D. *Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:2* - how can these commands be carried out if belonging is optional?
- E. *Ephesians 5:18-21* - the New Testament consistently emphasizes the "one another" aspect.

III. Questions to Help Get Me Past My Public Persona

- A. How many people know the specific places where I am susceptible to _____?
- B. How many people know the _____ that tend to overwhelm me?
- C. How many people know the _____ that war on the turf of my heart?
- D. How many people know the secrets of my _____ that still haunt me?
- E. How many people know the places where I try to find substitute _____?
- F. How many people know the reasons why I might doubt the goodness and power of _____?

Conclusion:

- A. When I'm committed to spiritual community and true fellowship, life will begin to be truly shaped by...
 - 1. The courage of loving _____ (*Eph 4:15-16*).
 - 2. The humility of _____ (*James 5:16*).
- B. "Now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God..." (*Gal 4:3-9; 1 John 2:1-6*)