

Knowing God

Fall 2010 – Boston Chinese Evangelical Church

What is “Trellis”:

A *trellis* is a structure a vine grows on. For BCEC College Ministry, in keeping with the word picture in John 15 of the vine and branches, the Trellis is the written word of God. Trellis isn't a traditional Sunday School class. It's the primary large group gathering of college-aged folks for our College Ministry. We hope you don't just come to a class, but participate in a community. Many of our college students gather in small groups on different week nights. They discuss life and the Bible, share life, and hang out. Please see our welcome area for more information on those small group we call TWIGS.

Course Description:

There's an infinite difference between knowing about God and knowing God, so says James Packer in his book *Knowing God*. In this course we will work through a modern classic on the person and attributes of God. Theologians call this, “Theology Proper” or the study of God Himself.

Meeting Time and Place:

We will meet in Josiah Quincy Upper School cafeteria from 11:15-12:30PM every Sunday except for the off days noted on the Course Schedule.

Learning Objectives:

At the end of the semester, the student will...

1. Possess greater depth of understanding for God
2. Have greater energy and passion for knowing God

Textbooks:

Required Texts:

The Bible, preferably the New International Version, New American Standard Version. Or English Standard Version

Knowing God by J.I. Packer, InterVarsity Press.

Knowledge of the Holy by A. W. Tozer.

Attributes of God by A. W. Pink.

Course Assignments & Requirements:

You will be asked to read the chapters we will cover *before* class on that day from the book *Knowing God* by J.I. Packer.

Course Schedule

Week	Date	Unit	Topic
1	Sep 5	Introduction to Course	
2	Sep 12	The Study of God and Knowing Him	Knowing God, chapters 1-2
3	Sep 19	The Only True God	KG, chap 3
	Sep 26	ADULT RETREAT – NO TRELLIS	
4	Oct 3	God Incarnate	KG, chap 4
5	Oct 10	He Shall Testify: The Holy Spirit	KG, chap 6
6	Oct 17	God Unchanging in Majesty	KG, chaps 7-8
7	Oct 24	The God of Wisdom	KG, chaps 9-10
8	Oct 31	Thy Word is Truth	KG, chap 11
	Nov 7	Missions Conference Seminars	
	Nov 14	Missions Emphasis	
9	Nov 21	The Love and Grace of God	KG, chaps 12-13
10	Nov 28	The Wrath of God the Judge	KG, chaps 14-15
11	Dec 5	The Goodness, Severity of the Jealous God	KG, chaps 16-17
12	Dec 12	The Heart of the Gospel	KG, chap 18
13	Dec 19	Sons of God	KG, chap 19
14	Dec 26	God our Guide through Trials	KG, chaps 20-21
15	Jan 2	The Adequacy of God and Trials	KG, chaps 22
	Jan 9	New Series	