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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Do You Know Your God? September 20, 2026

Summary

In this message, Pastor Emeritus Leith Anderson speaks from Ephesians 1:15-17. Paul has heard about the Ephesians' faith in Jesus and their love for other believers, and he thanks God for them and continues to pray for them. He prays that they will know God more deeply and understand all they have received through Christ. Knowing God is more than knowing facts about Him; it is growing in a real relationship with Him. As we grow closer to God, our faith should shape how we live, and our love for God should be seen in the way we love others.

Scripture

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. Ephesians 1:15-17 (NIV)

Let's Start

Today's speaker is Pastor Emeritus Leith Anderson, Senior Pastor of Wooddale Church from 1977-2011. Think about a pastor who has made a difference in your life. What is one thing you remember most about them?

Gratitude and Prayer

How has God been at work in your life since we last met?

Let's Talk

1. What stood out to you most from Pastor Leith's message or from Ephesians 1:15-17? Why?
2. Paul had heard about the Ephesians' faith in Jesus and love for all the saints. If someone observed your life, what might they see that demonstrates your faith in Christ?
3. Why do you think Paul connects faith in Jesus so closely with love for other believers? What happens when one is present without the other?
4. Paul responds to hearing about the Ephesians by giving thanks and praying for them. Who is someone you can thank God for today? How might knowing that someone is praying for you affect your own faith?
5. Paul's prayer is not simply that the Ephesians would know more about God, but that they would know God better. What is the difference between knowing about God and knowing God personally?
6. "**Follow Jesus completely**" means Christ shapes every area of our lives. What is one area where you would like to know God more deeply and allow Him to shape you?
7. Paul prays for wisdom and revelation so that the believers might know God better. What helps you grow in your understanding and experience of God? What tends to get in the way?

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Let's Act

What is one step you could take this week to grow closer to God or express His love to another believer?

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