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TITLE	Knowing and Obeying
SERIES	Everyone wants to fit in. And there's nothing wrong with that, but there are ways God wants His followers to stand out from the world around them. The first-century church dealt with this same tension, so John wrote them a letter, 1 John, describing the difference between true followers of Jesus and counterfeit ones. So, what's true, and what's false?

Getting to Know Me

What do you “know” about the person sitting next to you? If it is your spouse, how do you know him or her differently than your small group neighbor?

Pastor reminded us that we are all created for relationship. Where are you in the process of filling that need with more of knowing Jesus and less of clutter and worthless distraction?

Was it difficult to answer the True/False question on the greater importance of loving or obeying God? How do you understand 1 John 2:3-6 as it applies to the question?

Going Deeper

1 John 2 highlights the difference between what people say and what they do. What is the difference between trying to “balance” love and obedience, and growing into that intimate relationship with God?

Read Galatians 5:13, Galatians 5: 22-23, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 and 1 John 4:7-21
Can you identify when you moved from intellectual awareness of God into a more intimate relationship with Him?

How has the transformational knowing changed the trajectory of your life?

Application

We often think in terms of “more or less,” but God thinks in terms of “true or false.” How do you understand and interpret that for you your life?

The sermon left us with the big question of, “Am I obeying God’s commands for my life?” What would it take for you to follow God’s commands more completely?

How can we guard ourselves from slipping out of our grace walk into legalism, especially in this contentious post-modern world with its politics and practices that grieve God?