

FOLLOW ME

EXPERIENCING LIFE WITH JESUS



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Part 5: Know

Matthew 3:16-17, Matthew 28:16-20

In Knowing Jesus, we will find our true identity and purpose.

Covenant (relationship) and Kingdom (responsibility) are a kind of spiritual DNA seen throughout the Bible and describe how we relate to God as Father and Jesus as King.

Covenant

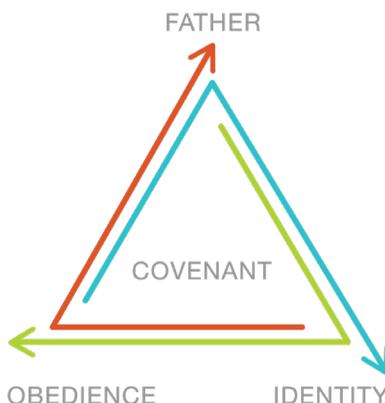
"Your real, new self (which is Christ's and also yours, and yours just because it is His) will not come as long as you are looking for it. It will come when you are looking for Him." C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

"It's in Christ we find out who we are and what we are living for."
Ephesians 1:11 MSG

As we know Jesus for who He really is, the One who loves us and created us, then we will know ourselves for who we really are and we will live obediently out of the security of being known and loved by our Father. Augustine prays, *"Lord, let me know myself; let me know you."* This "double knowledge" — knowing the Lord and knowing ourselves — is the basis for our growth in maturity and faith.

The triangle shapes give us a way to "see" this Covenant and Kingdom relationship in our lives.

The Covenant Triangle

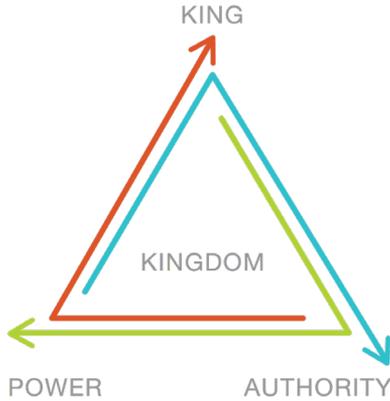


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Kingdom

As followers of Jesus we are now citizens of heaven, partakers in His Kingdom. We surrender our entire lives to Him to live under His authority and empowered and controlled by His Spirit. In this new way of Kingdom living, we find our purpose in loving God and serving Him.

The Kingdom Triangle



As we grow in knowing God and ourselves and surrender daily to Jesus' rule in our lives, we live into our true identity and purpose.

Discussion Questions (for small groups or the Dinner Table):



Read Matthew 3:16-17, what words of identity did God speak over Jesus? Why do you think God did this? What do you think the people who heard this felt?



Which relational posture do you find most challenging: relating to God as Father or Jesus as King? (Both is a normal answer!) Give some thought to why you find this challenging and discuss that in your group.



Look in The Invitations of Jesus and find the Identity Verses (Appendix F p.89) and the Attributes of God (Appendix G, p. 91). Pray and then read these slowly, stopping at any point where you sense the Spirit highlighting something. Consider how He is inviting you to live in response.