DO YOU KNOW GOD?

MARK 4:35-41

KNOWING GOD REQUIRES SEEKING HIM

GOD DESIRES THAT WE SEEK HIM

- God has revealed himself to and rewards those who seek him Psa. 105:1-7; Rom. 15:4; Heb. 11:6
- This task cannot be ignored, shortened, or redirected.
 - Much of what is called searching for God is not, because it is tainted by self-centered criteria
 - It is far easier to find a group, programs, a doctrine, etc., that we like, etc., than it is to seek out God! Acts 17:26-28; Rom. 1:18-20
- Any search for God founded on self-centered criteria, and not to know God the Creator and our relationship to Him, will fail!

KNOWING GOD MEANS ACCEPTING HIM AS GOD

WE MUST SEEK FOR HIM AS GOD

- Many seek to approach God with in improper view of their position in the process.
 - We must not begin with "What am I looking for in God?," but rather "Who has He revealed Himself to be?" Psa. 100:3
 - Despite the popularity of *making God* to be who we want Him to be, those who do so will not find God!
- Christians must seek for God as GOD
 - We can know *about* God without knowing *God*. Our relationship is *facts and actions* (important 1 Jn. 5:1-3)
 - We must know the God behind the commandments Jer. 24:6-7; 9:24; Neh. 9:6-17; Hos. 4:6

CONCLUSION

- God's desire for us to know Him continues today Jn. 1:14; Matt. 11:28-30
- Seek to know God!
- It is in this knowledge that life, godliness, and all hope of heaven are found 2 Pet. 1:2-4
- Will you come to Jesus today that you might come to know the Father through Him? Jn. 14:6