

Knowing Stuff

Knowledge is important. Paul teaches us to be transformed by the renewal of our minds, to let the truth in to change us, to reshape us, to move us to a new place. [Romans 12:2] But knowledge alone cannot be our goal. As St. Paul also teaches, knowledge of God without love is nothing. [1 Cor. 13:2]

Transformation

The biblical idea of knowledge goes much deeper than just cerebral understanding. It implies intimacy. To know in biblical terms means we really experience something in our hearts as well as our heads. In all aspects of our personhood, it is knowledge that leads to love, while love, in turn, makes us want to know more. Transformation and life-change must be the goals of discipleship, and simply sharing knowledge does not make disciples.

As Christian churches we have the living water, the water Christ promised would quench all fires and all thirsts. But, this is the problem: We aren't getting the living water to where the fires are! Instead we are spraying water everywhere, except where it's burning.

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