

Message Reflections

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"To be loved but not known is comforting but superficial. To be known and not loved is our greatest fear. But to be fully known and truly loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God. It is what we need more than anything. It liberates us from pretense, humbles us out of our self-righteousness, and fortifies us for any difficulty life can throw at us." - Tim Keller

We are built by God to connect with others, and we are wired with the irresistible need for love and belonging. If it's about being loved and known, who really knows you?

Consider Keller's words. As you think about your life today, would you say that you are...

- Loved, but not known.
- Known and not loved.
- Fully known and truly loved.

When we allow ourselves to be known and loved, it helps us to live a healthy life. It is important to seek relationships which encourage us to grow in how we connect with both God and with others.

Read 2 Timothy 2:1-3 and Colossians 3:15-17.

<u>A disciplemaker</u> is simply a person who enters into a relationship with another person to help them follow Christ, be changed by Christ, and enter into the mission of Christ.

- How does this definition of a disciplemaker help you see the possibilities for you to come alongside another person and disciple them?
- Do you have someone in your life who holds you accountable, and with whom you can honestly talk about your faith?

Pray that God would lead you into a discipling relationship, allowing you to make one disciple this year.