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Hosts: To be determined Contact: David Minard (517)756-8000

Coldwater Group Monday 6:30 p.m.

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- I. Remember that knowledge is much more than gathering facts. "To know" is referenced in descriptive ways: Adam knew Eve. Some versions translate the Hebrew word yada (yaw-dah') as relations (Genesis 4:1). Also review: *Exodus 33:13, Isaiah 43:10, John 17:3*. We also learn that we are limited by ourselves to know God. Read *Ephesians 1:17, Ephesians 3:19, Colossians 2:2*. Knowing God requires revelation. God reveals Himself to us through the Bible and by His Holy Spirit.
- I. Paul writes in <u>2 Corinthians 10:5</u> We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. Let's counter some of the Lies *about God* that Destroy Lives. These lies often come from Satan to those who are hurting, to believers and of course the outside world.
 - "Surely if there is a God he is distant and disinterested" Read <u>Psalm 139:1-18</u>. What verses or events from scripture would you use address these lies about God.
 - •Surely if there is a God he is not kind and compassionate" Read <u>Psalm 103:8-14</u>. What verses or events from scripture would you use to address these lies about God?
 - •Surely if there is a God he is not accepting and filled with joy and love." Read <u>Zephaniah 3:17</u>, <u>Romans 15:7</u>
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