What You Need To Know
Part 1: The Nature of Spiritual Truth
(Ephesians 1:15-23)

Purpose: To prepare us to receive God's Word, and specifically the three truths in this passage not as mere knowledge, satisfying intellectual curiosity, but as spiritual truth enlightening our hearts, and transforming our lives through the power of the Holy Spirit.

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4, ESV)
"Knowledge apart from love puffs up." (I Corinthians 8:1, ESV)

These two verses remind us that –
God's Word is meant to nourish our spirits, not merely satisfy our intellectual curiosity.

And

Bible study that focuses only on gathering information and obtaining knowledge will not grow us spiritually.

The Warning: Right doctrine does not always lead to right living.
Example: The Pharisees in Jesus' Day.
The Goal: Information must lead to transformation.
Example: The immature believers in the church at Corinth

There are two things we need to know about spiritual truth –

1. Spiritual truth is spiritually discerned- ". . .these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit." (I Corinthians 2:10, ESV)

2. Spiritual truth is truth about God/Christ- ". . . a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him." (Ephesians 1:17, ESV)