



Eston College Online

**Intimacy with Christ**

**30 Hours**

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## **I. Course Description**

You were created for relationship with God through Christ. This living connection is our source of power and authority in life, ministry, and suffering. This course will introduce you to critical theological mindsets, practical tools, and approaches to cultivating a closer and more personal walk with Jesus.

## **II. Learning Outcomes**

### **A. Primary Student Outcomes**

Upon completion of this course, you will...

1. Understand the distinction between knowledge of God and knowledge about God.
2. Become proficient with tools and principles for creating devotional rhythms to deepen your relationship with Christ.

### **B. Learning Objectives**

Upon completion of this course, you will...

*Cognitive (Head) – After completing this course you will...*

1. Understand with key passages addressing unity with Christ.
2. Become familiar with JI Packer's approach to knowing God.

*Affective (Heart) – After completing this course you will...*

1. Value the Holy Spirit in your day-to-day life as an indispensable companion.
2. Discern what pathways best lead you into communion with God.

3. Celebrate ways you can create space for Jesus to speak to you.

*Conative (Hands) – After completing this course you will...*

1. Practice the Discover, Share, Obey Approach to the Bible.
2. Learn a series of practical aids to developing your faith.
3. Cultivate internal and external spiritual behaviours.

### **III. Course Content**

#### Lesson 1 - Relating to God

Topic 1 – Introductions and Course Overview

Topic 2 – Love and Obedience

Topic 3 – Discover, Share, Obey

Topic 4 – Working from the Energy of God

Topic 5 – God is Relationship: Father

Topic 6 - God is Relationship: Spirit

Topic 7 - God is Relationship: Son

#### Lesson 2 – Word and Hunger

Topic 1 – Conversing with God through Scripture

Topic 2 - Fasting

Topic 3 – Book Discussion One

#### Lesson 3 – Feasting and Uniting

Topic 1 – The Lord's Table

Topic 2 – Unity with Christ

Topic 3 – Book Discussion Two

#### Lesson 4 – Witnessing and Serving

Topic 1 – Evangelism

Topic 2 – Service to the “Least of These”

Topic 3 – Book Discussion Three

Lesson 5 – Weeping and Healing

Topic 1 – Bringing Christ into Your Darkest Places

Topic 2 – Confession & Renunciation

Topic 3 – Book Discussion Four

Lesson 6 – Belonging and Inheriting

Topic 1 – Spiritual Friendship

Topic 2 - Book Discussion Five

Lesson 7 – Unity and Diversity

Topic 1 – Sacred Pathways 1-3

Topic 2 – Sacred Pathways 4-6

Topic 3 – Sacred Pathways 7-9

Lesson 8 – Conclusion and Reflection

Conclusion and Reflection

## V. Course Evaluation

### A. Time Investment:

Online Instruction 5 hours of video and supplementary material.  
Reading 10 hours of reading from *Knowing God* by J.I. Packer.  
Assignments 15 hours of spiritual exercises and DSO assignments.

**Total: 30 Hours**

**Please build a chart that displays the above information at a glance:**

Assignment Name	Hours	Percentage
Complete Online Curriculum	5	50%
Textbook Reading	10-12	
Assignments	10-13	50%

## IX. Bibliography

Required Textbooks (when possible, we choose books from the [Scribd library](#)):

[Packer, J. I. \*Knowing God\*. London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1975.](#)

The Holy Bible