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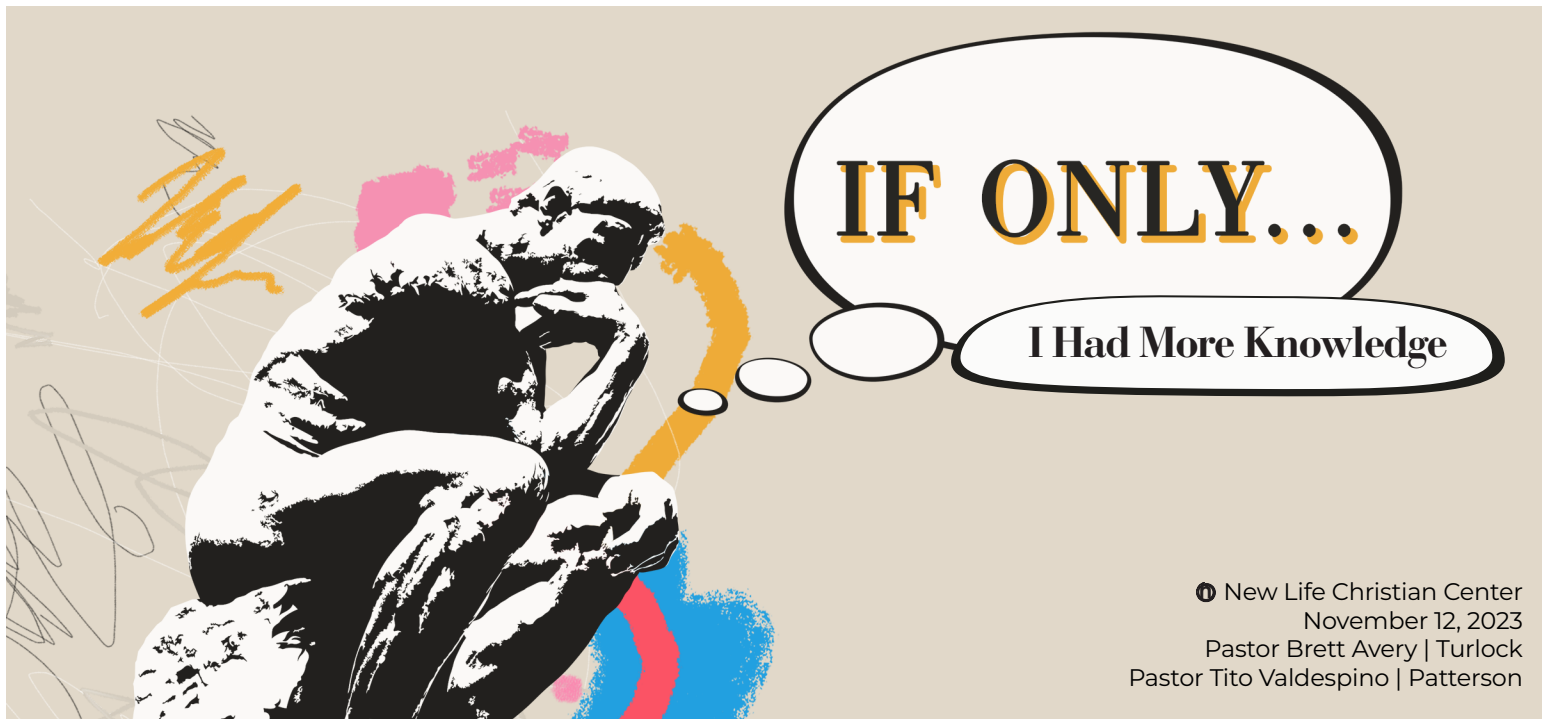
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1. Knowledge without LOVE can lead me to ARROGANCE.

2. Knowledge with LOVE will lead me to HUMILITY.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week 5 | November 12, 2023

"IF ONLY... I Had More Knowledge."

[CONNECT]

Describe the smartest person you have ever meet? What was it about them that you admired?

[ENGAGE]

What impacted you the most personally from the message?

[GROW]

1. When you think about your schedule – how much time do you spend acquiring knowledge – what is your source for most of this information?
2. Why did Solomon say that the more wisdom/knowledge we gain – the more sorrow and grief we will experience? (Ecclesiastes 1:16-18) How have you seen this to be true in your life?
3. Reflect on this weekend's Big Idea – "A life that honors God is found in the APPLICATION not simply the ACCUMULATION of knowledge.
4. Where have you seen knowledge applied without love? (1 Corinth 8:1). What was the result?
5. How does knowledge applied in love lead us to embrace humility as we engage with others? (1 Corinthians 8:2)
6. How do we see the Apostle Paul demonstrate radical love in 1 Corinthians 8:13? How does his example challenge/impact you today?

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

I am going to challenge you with one thing - as you engage in conversations and interactions – let this question guide you... **Am I using what I know to speak life into others or am I leaving a trail of destruction behind me?** As the people of God – let's be known for speaking life and encouragement into those around us.

