

Steve Whitacre

SESSION 4 | What Next?

I. WHAT NEXT?

II. JESUS WANTS YOU

“Well might God say through Jeremiah, ‘Let him that glories glory in this, that he understands and knows me’ — for knowing God is a relationship calculated to thrill a person’s heart. What happens is that the almighty Creator, the Lord of hosts, the great God before whom the nations are as a drop in the bucket, comes to you and begins to talk to you through the words and truths of Holy Scripture. Perhaps you have been acquainted with the Bible and Christian truth for many years and it has meant little to you; but one day you wake up to the fact that God is speaking to you—you!—through the biblical message. As you listen to what God is saying, you find yourself brought very low; for God talks to you about your sin, and guilt, and weakness, and blindness, and folly, and compels you to judge yourself hopeless and helpless, and to cry out for forgiveness.” *J.I. Packer, Knowing God, 36.*

III. THE CHURCH: YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME

IV. FOR DISCUSSION

- In your own words, what is the gospel?
- What does it mean to know God? What are the ways in which we know God? Do you know God? How do you think a person would know if he or she knows God?
- What is faith? What is repentance? Does one of them seem harder to you?
- Have you repented of your sins and put your faith in Jesus? If not, what is keeping you from faith and repentance?
- Steve mentioned that salvation costs something. It may mean giving up something that is most important to you. What would salvation cost you?
- What is baptism? Do you think you are ready for baptism? How do you feel when you think about baptism? Is it something you want to do?
- Would you like to meet with one of the pastors to talk about salvation, baptism, or church membership?