

# Next Steps

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

**No one stumbles into discipleship or accidentally begins to follow Jesus better. NEXT STEPS outlines the priorities and strategies of The Hills Church to help make and grow followers of Jesus. What's your next step?**

**1 Read Ephesians 1:17.** Among all the things that Paul could have been praying for the Christians in Ephesus, he prayed that they would know God better. Why do you think this was important to Paul?

**2 We read to know God and follow Him better.** The Bible is the primary way we can get to know who God is and what He is like. **Read Hebrews 1:1-3.** How does what we learn about Jesus shape what we can know about God?

**3 Psalm 119:11** says, *"I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."* How does spending time in God's Word translate into follow Jesus more faithfully?

**4 Read Hebrews 4:12.** What are ways that God has convicted or challenged you through His Word? Give an example to your group.

**5 We pray to admit dependency and pursue intimacy.** **Read Psalm 23.** Where in this psalm do you see dependency on God, and where do you see intimacy with God?

**6 Read Luke 5:15-16.** Jesus made time for prayer even when his ministry was busy and growing. What are obstacles to you having a regular rhythm of prayer? What are steps to overcoming those obstacles?

**7 Jesus secured our connection to God. Read 1 John 4:14-16.** Any connection we have to God is because of and based on the perfect work of Jesus. Finish by praying as a group a prayer of thanks to God for Jesus and ask God to stir in your hearts a hunger for His Word and a desire to meet with Him in prayer.

## ACTION STEP

What is your **NEXT STEP** to better **Connect with God**? Note: One step we can all take together is to read through the book of Matthew during the next seven weeks leading up to Easter. You can find a reading plan along with other recourses to help you **Connect with God** on our App and/or website: [thehills.org/resources/study-tools/](http://thehills.org/resources/study-tools/)

