



CORE CLASSES

MEETING WITH GOD

WHAT, WHY, AND HOW OF MEETING WITH GOD

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PARTICIPATION

Meeting with God is something in
which we should participate

POSSIBILITY

Meeting with God is actually
possible



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ACTS 28, ROMANS 1
ords, the Jews departed, and had
reat reasoning among themselves.
30 And Paul dwelt two whole
ears in his own hired house, and
received all that came in unto God.
31 Preaching the kingdom of God,
and teaching those things which
concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with
confidence, no man forbidding.

JESUS THE GREAT PHILOSOPHER



*Rediscovering the Wisdom Needed
for the Good Life*

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FIVE WEEK READING PLAN

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IS IT POSSIBLE TO MEET WITH GOD?

THE "WHAT" OF IT ALL

A black and white photograph of a winding road through a mountainous landscape. The road curves from the bottom center towards the right, bordered by guardrails. In the foreground, a calm lake reflects the sky. The background features large, rugged mountains under a clear sky. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

What does it mean to meet someone?

WESTMINSTER CATECHISM

HOW DOES IT APPEAR THAT THERE IS A GOD?

The very light of nature in man, and the works of God, declare plainly that there is a God; but his Word and Spirit only do sufficiently and effectually reveal him unto men for their salvation.



PSALM 19:1-2

GENERAL REVELATION

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his
handiwork.

Day to day pours out speech, and night
to night reveals knowledge.

GENERAL REVELATION

CREATION + HUMAN NATURE

The way in which God reveals Himself to all people through creation and human nature.

ROMANS 1:19-20

GENERAL REVELATION

For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

SPECIAL REVELATION

BIBLE + JESUS

The way in which God reveals Himself to specific people through events, Scripture, and Jesus Christ himself.

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JESUS CHRIST

Words of Jesus

HEBREWS 1:1-2

SPECIAL REVELATION

Long ago, at many times and in many ways God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

JOHN 1:1

SPECIAL REVELATION

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

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SCRIPTURE

Words of Bible

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Colossians 1:15

One who is in very nature and being God Himself; the second person of the Trinity.

A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse.

You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us.

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1 JOHN 1:9

SPECIAL REVELATION

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

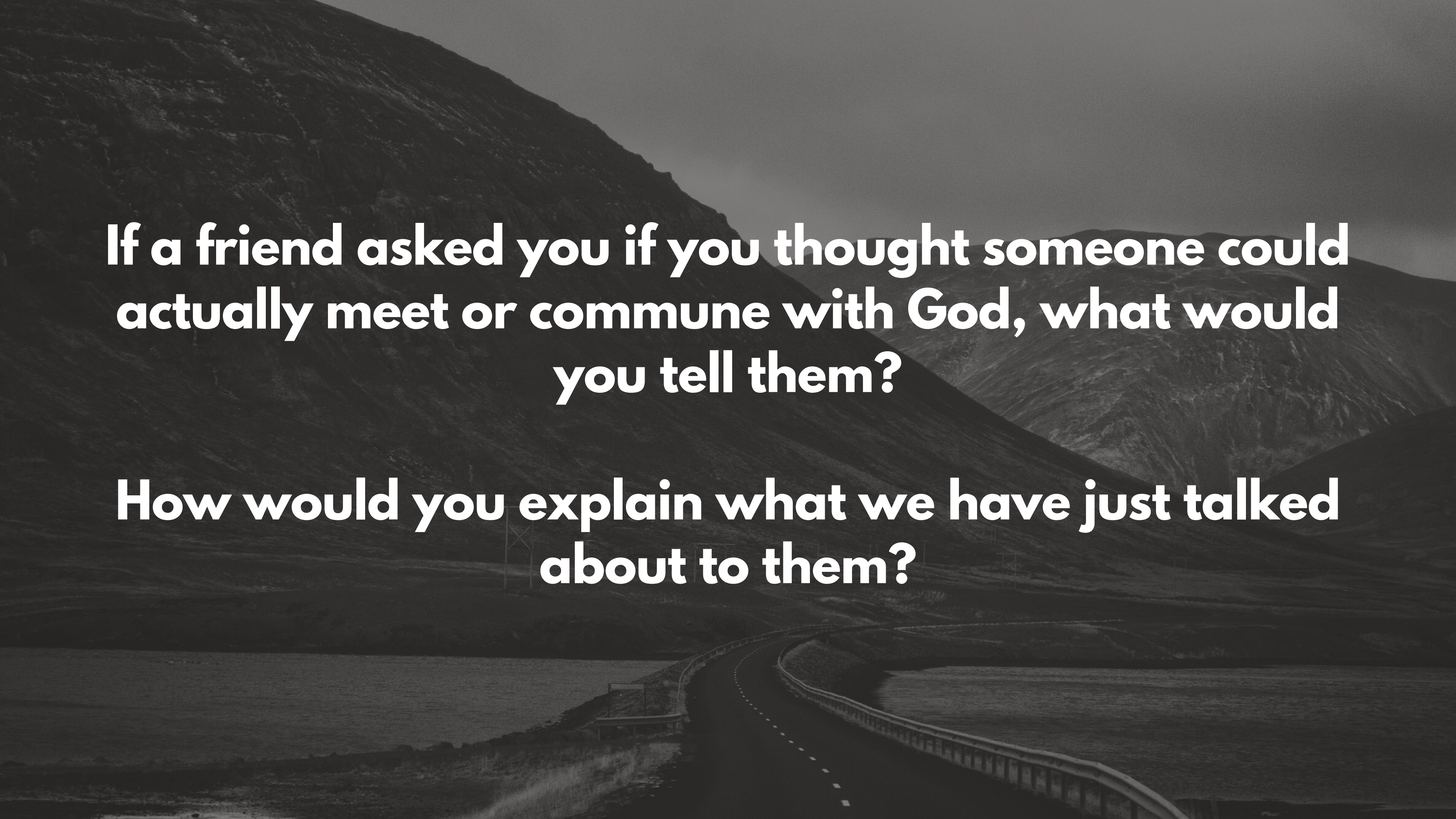
HEBREWS 4:16

SPECIAL REVELATION

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



**Meeting with God always comes
through a Mediator.**

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If a friend asked you if you thought someone could actually meet or commune with God, what would you tell them?

How would you explain what we have just talked about to them?

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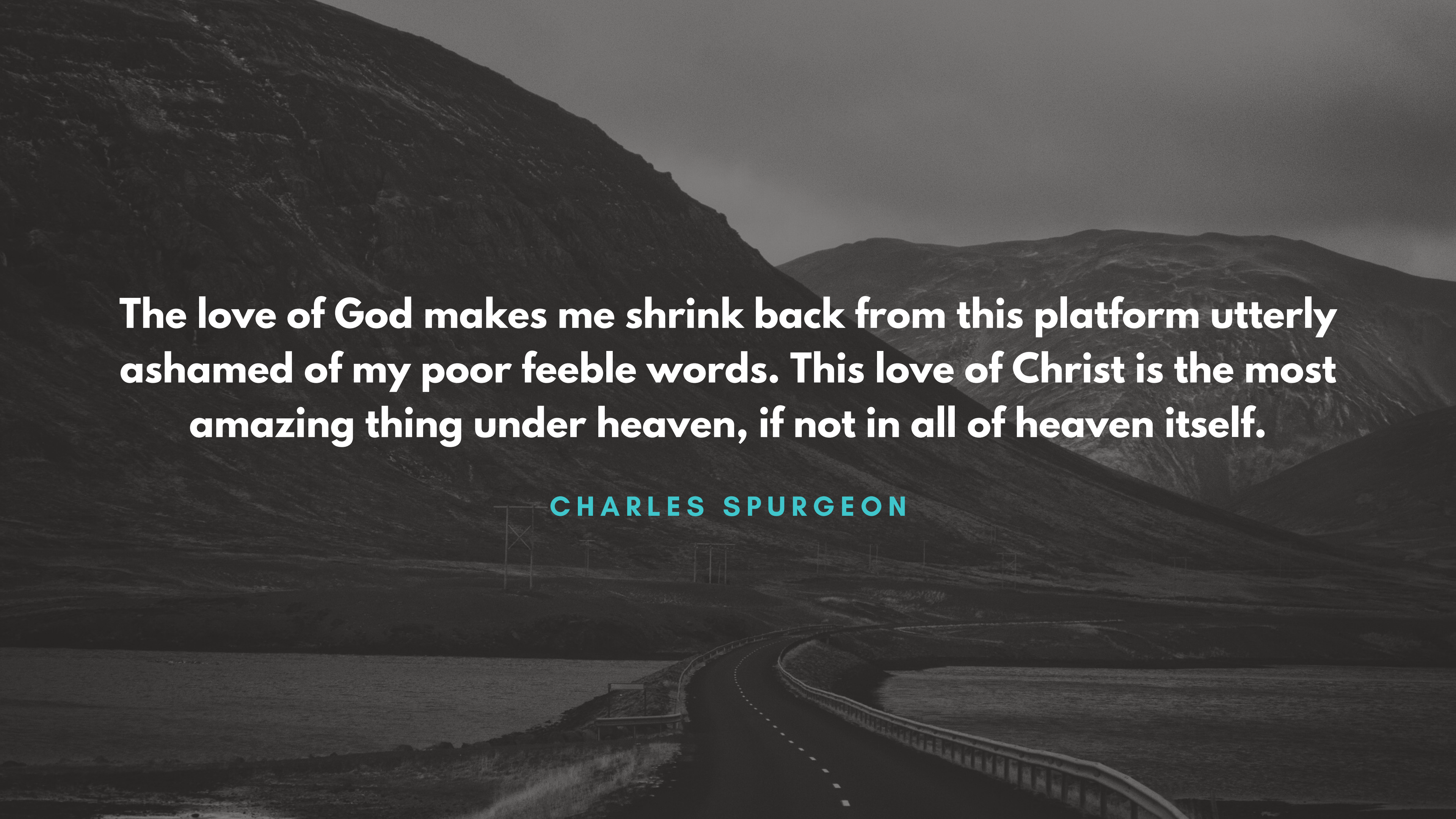
SHOULD WE MEET WITH GOD?

THE "WHY" OF IT ALL

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The love of God makes me shrink back from this platform utterly ashamed of my poor feeble words. This love of Christ is the most amazing thing under heaven, if not in all of heaven itself.

CHARLES SPURGEON

PSALM 103:11

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For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him.


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Private religion must receive our first attention, if we wish our souls to grow....intimately and inseparably connected with the whole question of sanctification, it is a leading mark of true saints that they grow.

JC RYLE

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Because it helps us fight

The Bible and prayer are the tools of meeting with God that enable us to persevere to the end.

JOHN 17: 17

SPECIAL REVELATION

Sanctify them in truth; your word is
truth

EPHESIANS 6:17-18

SPECIAL REVELATION

...and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.

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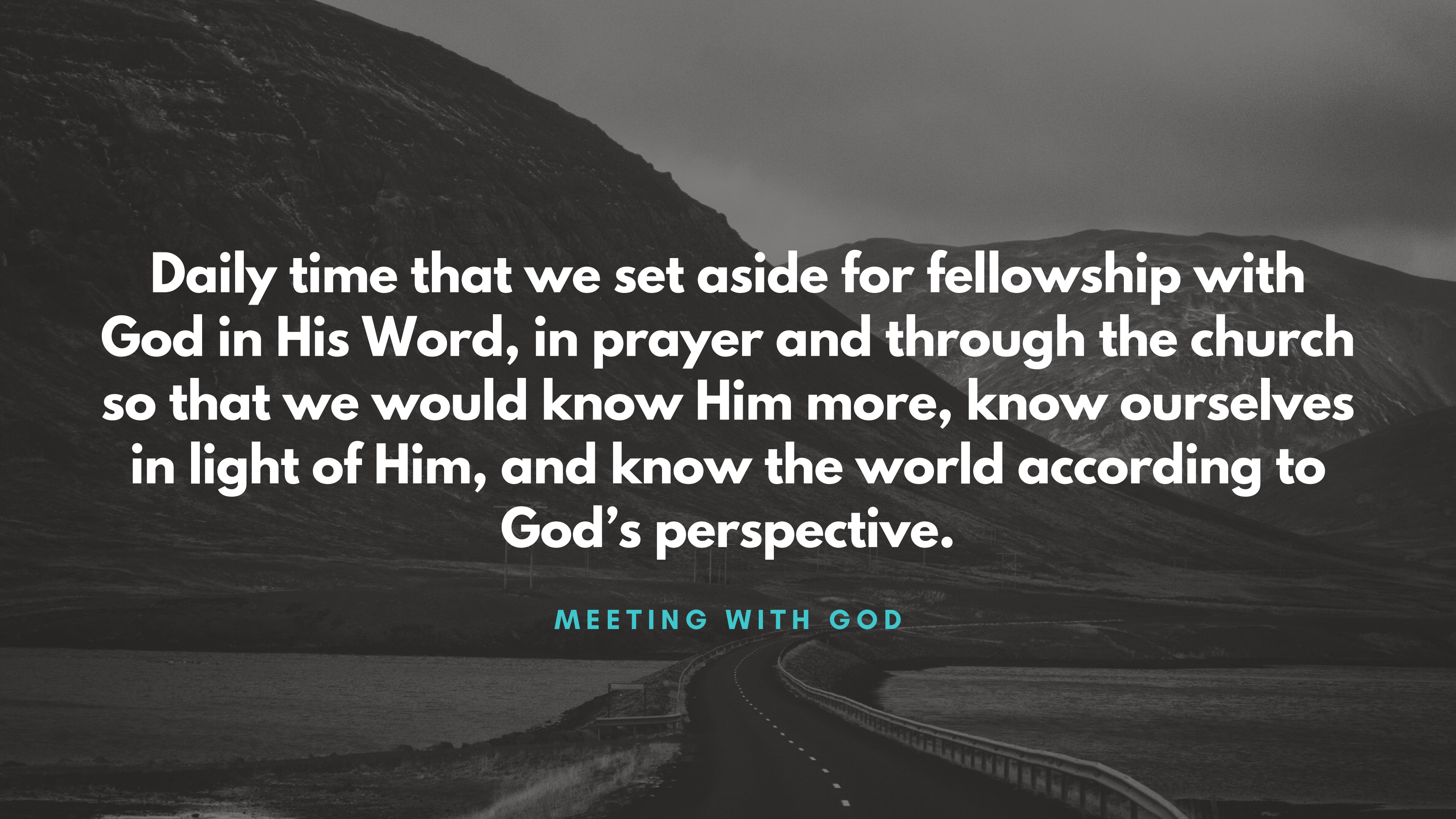
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Through Church

God meets with His people when they come together in worship through preaching, reading, prayer, singing and the ordinances.

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Daily time that we set aside for fellowship with God in His Word, in prayer and through the church so that we would know Him more, know ourselves in light of Him, and know the world according to God's perspective.

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