

## WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

How would you explain or define *the gospel*?

**Read 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5.** How does this verse deepen your understanding of the gospel?

Reflect back on the messages in this series so far. How is your understanding of the Holy Spirit growing or changing?

**Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-3.** Compare this passage to **1 Thessalonians 1:4-5**. What similarities are you noticing?

Can you relate to Paul's description of himself when he shared the gospel with the Corinthian church?

## WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

Are you comfortable "speaking of Jesus" with your family, friends, neighbors, or co-workers?

Reflect on the way that you have shared the gospel in the past. Which of the three elements of the gospel (Words, Power, Living) were obviously present? Which element(s) were missing?

Reflect on Carl Medearis's words below. Do you agree or disagree? Support your answer.

*"When you talk about Jesus there is power, when you talk about Christianity there is none."*

## WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

What is keeping you from sharing the gospel with words, power, and how you live? How do you sense God's challenging or encouraging you in this area?

In what relationships do you need to share more about Jesus than you share about Christianity or religion?

**Read Ephesians 1:15-20.** What elements of this prayer would you like to borrow for your own personal prayer time?

