

## Session 5: Hitting a “Single”

- **Teaching:** 5 minutes

**“The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” “You must first learn to crawl before you run.” “First things first.”** There are far more quotes about beginnings than we have time to dive into now. Most people recognize that the roof of every tall tower must first plan for a foundation.

Many of us think of prayer as a way to bring God into what we are doing, when in reality, prayer, in many ways, it is **the opposite**. Prayer is often asking how we might be brought into what God is doing.

- **Small Group Discussion:** 55 minutes

***Can you think of a time you’ve had to learn something, or even practice something over and over in order to build on this skill?***

Take some time of prayer, and consider how you might ask first what God might want, THEN ask how you might act upon His plans. Instead of asking God to join/bless your way, instead ask God to LEAD you.

Reflect on **John 14:13**.

***Discuss:***

***How does [John 14:13](#) reverse the way we often think of prayer?***

***What is the difference in asking God to join/bless your plans, versus allowing Him to be the originator of your plans?***

***How does this change the way you think of your daily plans?***

***What about your plans for your future?***

The first steps of Christianity will come with *knowing God better*. Before we can use our lives for Him, we must first know who He is and what He wants from us. The first “goal” in baseball is to reach first base. To Know God is always the first step. Recognizing God’s call for us is the first step towards accomplishing it.

Read **Jeremiah 13:11**

God designed His people to be “for Him.” The Creator gets to determine the purpose of the Creation. In this case, God has designed us to glorify Him.

*What does this reveal about why God “made” His people?*

## **Know God: Jesus is on every page of the Bible!**

Just as we spoke about last week, when we think about the first steps of Christianity we think about Jesus *saving* us. In this we think of Jesus as our Savior. It is not enough to think of Jesus as our savior only, but also our Lord.

Read **John 7:18**

*Describe what a life looks like when they see all “truth” points towards one destination.*

To become a Christian, we are not only asking to be saved from sin, but we are to also submit to Jesus and His plan.

## **Discover Purpose and Make a Difference**

In order to glorify God we must first become aware that this is our purpose. It is not an easy concept to grasp but it is one we must press into. Using our life to know and God and to make Him known is nearest the foundation of our faith. This truth must reach into every aspect of our life.

Read **1 Corinthians 10:31**

While other religions may use food and drink as a way to sacrifice to idols, here, the Bible reminds us that we are to use every part of our life (even those necessary for survival) for God.

# Session 5 Weekly Devotional: Day 1

## Read John 14:5-14

Jesus is the way to the Father. Prayer is the vehicle!

**F = Focus** in your journal by writing the date and the Scripture you're studying. After you've read the passage a few times, focus on a verse or two that stands out to you and then write out those verses in your journal.

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**I = Investigate** the context around today's Scripture reading. *To whom was this written? Why? How does this passage fit with what comes before and after it? What is the Holy Spirit communicating through this text?* Feel free to use Bible study tools for commentary: [Bible Study Tools](#), or [Easy English Bible](#).

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## Session #5 Weekly Devotional: Day 2

### Read Jeremiah 13

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## Session #5 Weekly Devotional: Day 3

### Read John 7:14-24

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## Session #5 Weekly Devotional: Day 4

### Read **1 Corinthians 10:23-33**

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