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FAITH



START

WEEK FOUR: WHAT'S NEXT

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Review (15 minutes):

Throughout this study, we've taken on some pretty heavy topics and considered some pretty life-altering statements. In the previous study, we talked about who God is and how he relates to us. If you have decided to follow Jesus, a pretty logical next question is: what's next?

Do you feel like you are beginning to know God on a deeper level than you have before?
Why or why not?

How did your teaching exercise go last week?

Learn (20 minutes):

This session will look at your purpose in life in light of your commitment to Christ. The goal of this session is to develop a simple plan for “what’s next” for you as a follower of Jesus.

Grow Together

Read Colossians 3:12-17, Hebrews 3:12-4, and Hebrews 10:19-25

What unites Christians together?

How are Christians to interact with one another in light of what unites them?

How is God calling you to respond to these passages as it relates to other Christians in The Summit Church?

Make Disciples Together

Read Matthew 28:16-20

What promises does Jesus make to his disciples?

What commands does Jesus give to his disciples?

God doesn't just save us from our sin, he also saves us for a purpose. God has positioned each person he saves in a unique set of circumstances and relationships so that they can make him known there.

Ask God to direct you to the friends and family he has placed you among who do not follow Christ. List them below.

FRIENDS

FAMILY

Leverage Your Calling

God has called each one of us to make disciples and he has also uniquely gifted each one of us with skills and experiences that are to be used to carry out his mission. We begin to understand what God is calling us to do by looking at ourselves in light of our surrounding circumstances. Answer these questions as best you can:

What am I passionate about?

What do others in the church say I'm skilled at?

What needs are there in the church?

What areas (location, profession, etc.) might God be calling me to use my gifts in?
How so?

These questions help create a starting point for you to begin learning how God has gifted you for his mission.

What is a single next step for you to begin living out your calling?

Practice (30 minutes):

Break up into groups of two or three and walk back through the LEARN section, sharing your answers with one another. Take time responding to one another's callings, as this will help each of you identify a potential next step in living out God's calling on your life.

Teach:

Remember, teaching is one of the best forms of learning. If you have someone you have taught the previous lessons to, teach that person this lesson this week. However, at this point you may be discouraged if no one has responded to your offer to teach what you are learning. Re-

member that God simply calls you to obey him, not to change people's hearts. Look back at the names of the family and friends listed above and identify three people that you are going to try and teach this lesson or any of the previous lessons to.

I'll try: Yes No

Wrap-up:

Spend a few minutes in prayer focusing and meditating on the joy that you have as a result of knowing God. Thank him for the blindingly bright hope that awaits you in Heaven. Thank him for the unending love that he has for you. Tell him that spending eternity with him is one of the most important things about your future. Tell him he is glorious because of specific aspects of his character that you've come to appreciate in this study. Use your words to praise God in your prayer time together.