

I. Why Talk About “Not Knowing”?

A. Our Recent Season as a Church

1. Before 2022: surplus, healthy savings, able to meet needs and do outreach
2. After 2022: savings dwindling, living beyond our means

B. The Tension

1. Confession: “I don’t know what to do”
 2. Discovery: there is joy in not knowing, because not knowing is trusting
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II. What to Do When We Don’t Know

1. **Be the Church**
 2. **Seek God**
 3. **Look for the Open Door**
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III. Being the Church in This Season

(1 Peter 4:7–12)

A. Spiritually: Head & Heart (vv. 7–10)

1. Live in light of the end
 - Matthew 28:20 – Jesus with us to the end of the age
2. Sound Judgment & Sober Spirit (v. 7)

B. Relationally with Each Other (vv. 8–10)

1. Fervent Love (v. 8)
 - Proverbs 10:12 – love covers, hatred stirs up strife
2. Hospitality without Complaint (v. 9)
3. Stewardship of Gifts (v. 10)
 - 1 Corinthians 4:1 – stewards of the mysteries of God

C. Relationally with God (vv. 11–12)

1. Speaking & Serving (v. 11)

- (Eph. 1:19)

2. Goal: God's Glory

3. Expect Trials (v. 12)

IV. Our Response as a Church

1. "Be the Church" -Invest yourself, not just attend

2. "Seek God" – Pray with sound judgment and sober spirit

3. "Open Door" – Steward your gifts with joy in not knowing
