



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Heart Knowledge

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

Message Theme

Enlightened Revelation

Prayer Focus

"Father, thank You for Your Word and for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Open the eyes of my heart and give me wisdom and revelation to understand what You have done for me through Jesus. Help me see myself the way You see me, receive Your truth with faith, and walk in the victory You have already provided. In Jesus' name, amen."

Key Truths

The Holy Spirit is not an abstract, life-improvement tool; He is the third person of the Trinity, and our Father God's promised gift to us as believers. Jesus said it was to the disciples' advantage that He return to the Father because the Holy Spirit would come and be in close fellowship with every believer. One of His primary roles is to bring revelation. Revelation transforms lives in a way that information alone simply cannot.

Head knowledge needs to travel the path to our heart, and this happens through meditation on God's Word. Truth moves from the mind into the heart, producing understanding, faith, and spiritual growth as we allow the Holy Spirit to change the way and the "what" that we think and believe. After all, revelation is new to us, or we'd be believing it already. The more attention and application given to God's Word, along with our openness of heart and mind to Him, the greater the opportunity for revelation and transformation.

Paul's prayer in Ephesians was not that God would do more, but that believers would receive wisdom and revelation concerning what had already been provided through Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, we gain a deeper understanding of our calling, inheritance, authority, and the power of God at work within us as His children. As God's Word becomes real in our hearts, confidence grows in what He has done and in who He says we are.

The way we see ourselves greatly impacts how we live. Scripture teaches the importance of rejecting

accusations, negative self-talk, and perspectives that contradict God's Word. If God isn't entertaining a thought, especially about us, we can't afford to either. This kind of speech is from our enemy, Satan, the Accuser. When we give in to what he says over what God says, it starts to pattern our lives after it. Even when facing obstacles, it isn't the obstacle's size, but our view of ourselves and our God. We are called to acknowledge who we are in Christ, meditate on what God says about us and our situations, and speak His promises. As God's truth shapes both our thoughts and words, faith becomes effective, and we are able to walk more fully in the victory, purpose, and inheritance that God has already provided.

Practical Application

This week, create a personal "Identity and Revelation Journal." Instead of simply reading Scripture, choose three verses that describe who you are in Christ. Write each verse down and answer three questions:

1. What does this reveal about God?
2. What does this reveal about me as a believer?
3. How would my decisions change if I fully believed this was true?

Then spend five minutes each day speaking those truths aloud. Pay attention to moments when negative self-talk, fear, insecurity, or discouragement arise. Rather than arguing with those thoughts, replace them with the truths you have been meditating on. The goal is not positive thinking but agreeing with God's Word until your self-perception aligns with His perspective.

Reference Verses

- John 16:7
- Joshua 1:8
- Mark 4:24
- Matthew 16:13–17
- Ephesians 1:16–21
- 2 Peter 1:3 (referenced)
- Luke 24:13–32
- 1 John 3:19
- Philemon 1:6
- Psalm 91:2, 107:2, 116:7–9
- Numbers 13
- Philippians 4:8
- Joel 3:10
- Isaiah 54:17, 57:19, 59:21
- Revelation 12:11
- Proverbs 18:21
- Job 22:28
- Hebrews 13:6

Declarations

Life is released when our words align with God. Intentionally speaking life and biblical truth out loud is extremely powerful. In fact, you have that very life in the power of your tongue. We encourage you to speak the following with the expectation of your mind being renewed and seeing God's fullness in your life.

- The Holy Spirit is revealing God's truth in me.
- I am accepted, forgiven, and righteous in Christ.
- God's resurrection power is alive and working in me.
- I see myself the way God sees me.
- God's Word is renewing my mind and transforming my life.
- I speak God's promises and walk in His victory.

What's Next?

Now it's time to put what you've learned into action. Here are three ways you can apply this message to your daily life:

1. Schedule a daily "self-talk reset"

Most people's inner voice runs 80%, or higher, negative by default. Each morning, speak aloud who God says you are — forgiven, accepted, righteous in Christ. Don't wait to feel it; declare it before the day's accusations start piling up.

2. Meditate on one Scripture until it moves from your head to your heart

Don't just read and move on. Take one verse and sit with it — picture yourself living it, apply it to a current situation, return to it throughout the day. The goal isn't information, it's the "wasabi moment" where it suddenly comes alive and changes how you act.

3. Identify the "nevertheless" in your situation — then flip it

When facing a challenge, notice when your thinking goes: *"God says this is possible, BUT the obstacle looks too big."* Deliberately reverse it: *"The obstacle is real, BUT God said..."* How you see yourself determines what you'll attempt. The spies saw grasshoppers; Caleb saw a conquest. Same land, different outcome.