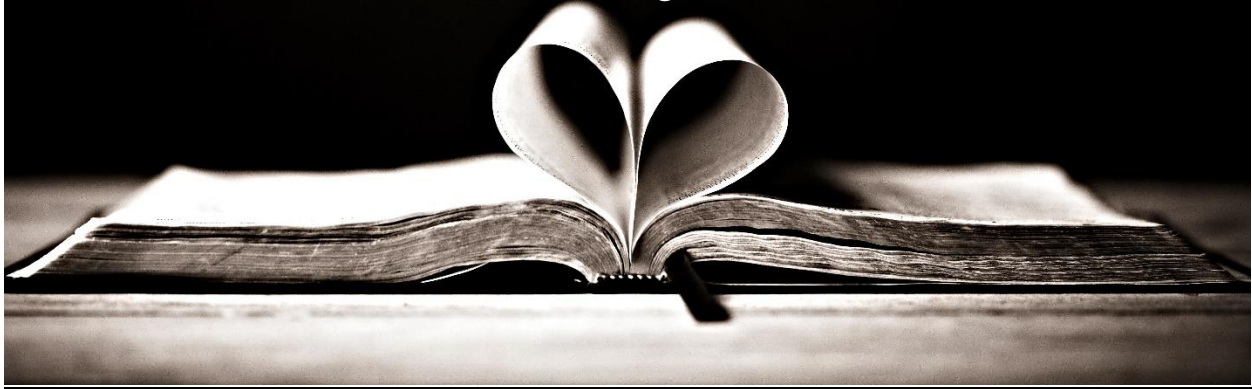# Four Questions to Know God in His Word

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John 14:26 says, *"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."* The Spirit, who inspired each word, reminds us of the gospel. These questions help us join His work.

Question #1: Who is God? What does the text say about the character and nature of God? The Bible is God's story—Father, Son, Spirit—so we begin by asking about how His character and nature are revealed in what we're reading. The story is about Him! Look for evidence of His attributes: where can you see His Goodness, Greatness, Grace and Glory (see the 4 G's)

Question #2: What has He done? God's work throughout all of human history is diverse and magnificent. All of it is worth proclaiming! However, the person and work of Jesus is revealed on every page of the Bible (Luke 24:27). He is the hero and the main character. The Spirit does not want us to miss Jesus! In the Old Testament, look for Jesus through foreshadowing and prophecy. In the New Testament study His life, death, resurrection and the establishment of His church.

Question #3: Who are we in light of that truth? What does the text say about our identity? God has always been working to save "a people for His own possession" (1 Peter 2:9). Throughout the Bible, note the things that are true of God's people. This adds depth to our understanding of who we are as His children.

Question #4: How do we live in light of that truth? How does this change us? When reading the Bible, we almost always start with the question, "How does this apply to my life?" But rightly motivated, gospel-centered action flows out of an understanding of who God is, what He's done, and who we are in light of God's character and work. We end with this question and then we obey!