

## KNOW PART II: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

### INTRODUCTION

- Welcome, Prayer, and Review
- How to Avoid Assumptions (p. 71)
- Four Steps to Asking Better Questions (pp. 71-74)



### CONCEPTS AND OBJECTIVES

- Concept: Personal Ministry is not shaped by the facts you gather, but by the way you interpret those facts
- Personalized: I need to think in distinctively biblical ways about myself and the people God places in my path.
- Related to Others: One of the primary ways to function as an instrument of change is to help others think biblically about their situations and relationships, thoughts motives, and behavior.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF USING BIBLICAL TERMS

- We are called to speak truth, and this involves accuracy and biblical thinking in language.
- In his article, "Watch Your Language," Bradly Beevers cautions us in the language we use..."Many of our common descriptions or definitions subtly agree with unbelieving ways of thinking. Like curse words, euphemisms have a world view built in. When the world calls adultery an 'affair,' has it not twisted the description to eliminate any moral evaluation and indignation? And the word substituted wasn't arbitrarily picked out of the dictionary. Adultery sounds sinful; affair almost sounds fun. The world is constantly looking for ways to make its behavior sound normal, acceptable, and right. Substituting 'sleeping together' for fornication eliminates any sense of disapproval. 'Sexually active' implies that restraint is passive, dull, or weak. What was once sodomy (from its first mention in Genesis 19) became 'homosexuality,' then 'gay,' then merely a 'sexual preference' [orientation] or 'alternative lifestyle.' Now even moral indignation at such perversion is pejoratively labeled 'homophobia.' [or hate speech]" (*Journal of Biblical Counseling* 12:3 [1994], p. 25).
- He goes on to recount a situation from two different ways of interpretation (p. 26)
- We want our language to be as precise and biblical as possible. Let's try this together...

Modern Expression	Biblical Alternative	Scripture
Alcoholic		1 Corinthians 5:11
I Messed Up		1 John 1:8-9
Depressed		Ps. 42:5; 2 Cor. 7:6
Low-Self Esteem		Eph. 5:29; Prov. 29:25
Apologize		James 5:16

### FOUR CATEGORIES OF INFORMATION

- The Situation – What's going on?
- The Response – What is the person doing in response to what's going on?
- The Thoughts – What does the person think about what's going on?
- The Motives - What does the person want out of what's going on?
- Spend a few minutes looking over the case study of John and Greta on p. 80

### WEEK 8 VIDEO: "GETTING TO KNOW PEOPLE"

### HOMEWORK

- Complete the Lesson Eight "Make It Real II" Section. Read Lesson Nine.

