**Meeting with God Core Seminar Schedule**

Week 1: Introduction: The What, Why and How of Meeting with God

Week 2: Meeting with God in His Word: Hearing and Reading

Week 3: Meeting with God in His Word: Studying, Meditating and Memorizing

Week 4: Meeting with God through Prayer

Week 5: Prayer, Hindrances and Practicalities

Week 6: Panel

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***Core Seminars—Meeting with God***

**Class 1: The What, Why, and How**

**Introduction**

Two Assumptions:

1. That it is possible to meet with God.
2. That meeting with God is something we should do.

**I. Assumption 1**

“How does it appear that there is a God? Answer: The very light of nature in man, and the works of God, declare plainly that there is a God; but his Word and Spirit only do sufficiently and effectually reveal him unto men for their salvation.”

 -Westminster Larger Catechism: Question 2

God reveals Himself in two ways:

1. General revelation

Psalm 19:1-2

Romans 1:19-20

1. Special revelation

Old Testament:

 New Testament:

 Today:

**Five Things We Learn about Jesus from Scripture**

1. He is the image of the invisible of God. (Colossians 1:15)
2. He was a prophet. (John 12:49-50)
3. He is a priest (mediator). (Hebrews 9:11-12)
4. He is King. (John 18:33-37)
5. He is God. (John 1:1)

**But our sin separates us from God.**

**The New Testament establishes the means of restoration.**

“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

 -Hebrews 4:16

**II. Assumption 2**

Reasons we should meet with God:

1. Because He is worthy.
2. Because we are His.
3. Because it leads us into a deeper relationship with Him.
4. Because it leads us to worship Him.
5. Because it helps us grow.
6. Because it helps us fight.

Hebrews 4:12 is a message of encouragement for the Christian to persevere.

**III. How do we meet with God?**

1. We meet with God through Jesus Christ, our mediator by faith.
2. We meet with God through scripture.
	1. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
	2. Scripture that speaks of itself.
		1. Matthew 4:4
		2. Deuteronomy 8:3
		3. Romans 15:4
		4. Psalm 119
	3. Mediation and self-examination
3. We meet with God through prayer.
4. We meet with God by coming together with the people of God.