



**Discussion Questions**  
**Sermon Title: "Knowing the Gear"**  
**Speaker: Pastor Dale Hummel**  
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Don't feel pressured to cover every single question, especially in the "Let's Dig" section.

### **Let's Talk**

1. What is one of your favorite vacation memories and why is it special?

### **Let's Dig**

1. What is one thing Pastor Dale said that you want to discuss?
2. As we wrestle with the challenges of life on earth, we can look forward to being "citizens of heaven." Read Philippians 3:20 and discuss what you are most looking forward to about life as citizens of heaven.
3. Dale posed a question, "Would you rather have a comfortable life and only a glimpse of God or a life marked at times by suffering and hardship but also intimacy with God?" What does "intimacy with God" mean to you?
4. Have you experienced intimacy with God? What was it like and what impact has it had on your daily life?
5. Read Genesis 3. What fundamentally destroys intimacy with God? Read Romans 5:10,11. What creates intimacy with God?
6. Read Genesis 12:1-9 and Romans 4. What can we learn from Abram/Abraham's life about faith, obedience, and intimacy with God?
7. When do we tend to experience intimacy with God; when all is well or when we are struggling? Why do you think that is so? What can help us enjoy intimacy with God even when times are good?
8. Review Exodus 25-31. In these chapters God gives very detailed instructions for creating the Tabernacle. Why do you think God was so particular about exactly how the tabernacle was to be built and furnished? What do you think that teaches us about how he is preparing heaven?
9. Read John 1:1-14. What is most significant to you in this passage? How does Jesus help you understand God the Father?

### **Let's Act**

1. As we see through the example of Abraham, intimacy with God is a by-product of obedience. Take a few moments this week to consider if there is anything you need to change in order to more fully obey God's direction and experience his presence.

### **For Next Week**

Next week's sermon is titled, "Understanding the Purpose of Camping." Please read Exodus 25 & 29 and Hebrews 9 to prepare.

