

**Matthew 22:23-33**  
**Sermon: January 22, 2012**

**Know Your Neighbor**

1. If you were being honest, how significant would you say is the role the Bible (and its message) plays in your life?
2. Is it possible to believe (in principle) something about God and not really “know” it (i.e., in practice)? If so, what might that look like? How might we recognize it?

**Know God’s Word**

1. Reflect on the passage and in one or two sentences give a brief synopsis of the sermon last Sunday. (Write down and discuss together any significant principles or reflections).
2. Further reflections on this week’s text:
  - a. What does Jesus mean when he says the Sadducees “do not know the Scriptures or the power of God?”
  - b. According to Jesus what will “marriage” be like in heaven?
    - i. What does that mean for how we think about family and family relationships in the present?
    - ii. What does that mean for how we think about singleness?
  - c. In what ways does or should the fact of the future resurrection affect how we live in the present?
3. Read the following passage in your personal study this week: Exodus 3:1-22.
  - a. How does Jesus use this passage to respond to the mistaken theology of the Sadducees in Matt. 22:23-33?
  - b. Why does Jesus make special reference to Exod. 3:6? How many other times in 3:1-22 does God makes the same reference to “your fathers?”

**Know How to Live**

1. Have you (or are you) disbelieving in the power of God? If so, in what ways?
2. Spend some time praying that “the God of the living,” the same God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, might be believed and known even more strongly in your lives and at Calvary.