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What's Next? by Chris Hodges

A deeper and more intimate relationship with God is closer than you think. Have you ever felt as if something were missing from your life? Are you longing for a clearer sense of purpose? Do you feel stuck in a spiritual rut? In *What's Next*, bestselling author Chris Hodges offers a practical guide to all those looking for clarity and direction and reveals the four steps to spiritual maturity: know God, find freedom, discover purpose, and make a difference. He demonstrates how each step is part of both a linear path and a cycle leading to deeper levels of faith. Accessible and clear, concise and profound, no matter where you are in your journey, *What's Next* is the guide you need to find your way and discover the joy that comes walking the road of richer faith.

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Discussion Questions:

1. To what extent are you living life “to the full”? What impedes your ability to experience abundant life?
2. How is your relationship with God like a marriage? How is baptism like a wedding band?

3. In your experience, is prayer more a spiritual obligation, a recurring recitation of needs and desires, an intimate heart-to-heart conversation with God, or something else?
4. Do you have doubts or questions that need to be addressed before you fully commit to God and his Word? What are they? (If so, you're not alone. Expressing honest opinions in a small-group setting is often helpful in arriving at satisfying answers.)
5. What factors or situations prevent you from feeling truly free? How can you begin to experience fuller freedom?
6. Who are the people who have made the most dramatic impact on your life? What did you learn from each person on your list?
7. On a scale of 1 to 10, how transparent would you say you are with other people and with God? Why isn't the number higher?
8. Although most believers readily acknowledge the Trinity as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, many tend to know more about God and Jesus than the Holy Spirit. What has been your understanding of the work and significance of the Holy Spirit?
9. What are some things you've chased in an attempt to find purpose and happiness, only to be let down?
10. Which of your talents and abilities would you consider spiritual gifts? Why? How have those gifts pointed toward a purpose for your life?
11. Why is it important to use your gifts in a community of believers? (What would you miss otherwise? What would they miss?)
12. Where do you sense the greatest need for growth in your life: wisdom, physical fitness, personal relationships, or spiritual closeness to God? What initial steps can you take to strengthen that area?



13. What did Jesus mean by promising to make your joy “complete”?
14. When you consider service vs. status, character vs. comfort, “we” vs. “me,” and worship vs. wealth, how would you evaluate yourself as a servant? How might you become a better servant in the days to come?
15. What eternal rewards are you anticipating (or hoping for)?
16. What are some of the passions that God has put on your heart that you’re eager to share with others?

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