

# Head to Heart – Moving Head Knowledge to Your Heart

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Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

### - **Head to Heart**

- What do you think the difference is between “head” knowledge and “heart” knowledge?
  - Head knowledge: you know it, but don’t really get it. Heart knowledge is part of who you are.
  - Sometimes as believers we have head knowledge of something but it hasn’t quite sunk in.
    - Examples: I’m forgiven and loved by God. God has a purpose for my life. This life is temporary and nothing compared to eternity. God answers prayer. If I tithe God will bless me. God will never leave me or forsake me. I will give an account to God. ETC.
  - As a first generation Christian I noticed that people raised in church didn’t have the same sense of urgency as I did.
    - Do they really believe in Heaven and Hell and that Jesus saves people from Hell????
    - Do they really believe that the creator of the universe is good and knowable????
  - But hey, this is not just a Christian problem.
    - Eat right and exercise. Save for retirement. Etc.
- Possible Causes: Why does this stuff not sink in?
  - Don’t put 2 and 2 together. Out of sight, out of mind. Delayed gratification.
    - Deeper version of this: Can’t focus on bigger picture due to profound immediate pressures.
  - Don’t actually believe, just going with it to fit in.
    - Maybe this is why some Christian leaders are afraid of the tough questions?
    - Maybe you think you’ve got it figured out and everyone else is just naïve.
  - There is a deeper belief that contradicts the “head knowledge” belief.
    - In Christ I am forgiven and belong vs I’m defective, unlovable, and no one cares.
- Possible Solutions: The three Rs of moving head knowledge to the heart.
  - Realization. This is when you put 2 and 2 together.
    - Like the prodigal son. **Luke 15:17-20** (He seemed to realize this on his own.)
    - Or King David. **2 Samuel 12:1-10** (Samuel helped David put 2 and 2 together.)
    - How do you come to realizations?
  - Revelation. This is when God shows you something. (Maybe God helps you put 2 and 2 together!)
    - Peter’s revelation of Jesus as Christ. **Matthew 16:13-20**
    - Paul’s message to the gentiles. **Galatians 1:11-12**
    - How do you get revelation from God?
    - Don’t get weird with this!! Must line up with Scripture!! Usually a verse becomes real.
  - Reminder. This is to keep us from letting what we believe fade away into the background.
    - Do this in remembrance of me. **1 Corinthians 11:23-25**
    - God’s instructions to Israel. **Deuteronomy 6:4-8**
      - Holidays, church, and devotions are great reminders!! Don’t fade away!!
- Which of these three is most powerful? I’d go with revelation. Let’s read **1 Corinthians 2:6-16**.
- Closing verse **1 Corinthians 2:12**
  - The Holy Spirit helps us understand. Let’s go get that!!
  - And hey, come to the realization that you need to give your life to Christ!!
- Pray for each other before you finish up!