

Seeking God (A New Lifestyle)

Discipleship is a Relationship

1. With God
2. With Family
3. With the Church
4. With the Lost

Suggested Memory Verses

Psalm 119:10-11

Jeremiah 29:13

Hebrews 11:6

Purpose: To teach someone what it means to seek God

I. Acts 17:26-27

- A. In a sense no one can lead you to God; you find God for yourself. God plans for you to take the initiative in finding Him. Is this statement true or false? (see verse 27)
- B. What does the word "seek" in verse 27 (NIV) mean?
- C. "Seeking God" personally is the major theme of the Bible.
(Examples: Jeremiah 29:13; Proverbs 8:17; and 1 Chronicles 22:19a)
- D. One of the names for God's people is "those who seek God" (or just "seekers") Psalm 34:10
- E. God is "not far" because He can be found by true seekers (verse 27). Therefore, what priority should an individual put on seeking God?
- F. **What priority are you personally putting on seeking God?**

II. Hebrews 11:6

- A. Merely believing in God is not seeking God (James 2:19)
- B. Half-hearted effort is not seeking God. Why?
- C. We find God when we seek Him "earnestly" (Psalm 63:1)
- D. The results of finding God are greater than everything else in life combined (Matthew 13:44-46)
- E. Therefore, if I must have faith in God to properly seek and find God, what are some important, yet simple, practical ways to build faith?

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III. Deuteronomy 4:29

- A. We are guaranteed to find God if we seek Him the Bible way (Matthew 7:7-8 & Psalm 9:10)
- B. The way to seek God requires "all of our heart and soul," everything we've got! (Jeremiah 29:13)
God is only found when finding Him, and seeking Him is our first priority.
- C. According to the principle of Jeremiah 29:13, what will hinder you or me from having a changed, new lifestyle?

IV. I Chronicles 28:9

- A. God examines our motives for seeking Him
- B. Only those with the right motives will find Him
- C. Our natural motive is to find God to be who we want Him to be, rather than who He actually is.
Therefore, why is motivation and attitude in seeking God so important in finding God?
(Proverbs 16:2; Acts 2:37; James 4:3)

V. Psalm 119:2, 10-12, 97

- A. Seekers learn, meditate on, and obey the Bible
- B. Daily Bible reading is a must for all who would find God. (See Acts 17:11; Psalm 119:15)
In Psalm 119:15, what does David mean when he says he, "Meditated on God's precepts"?
- C. Is our desire to find God our greatest desire?

VI. Proverbs 2:1-8

- A. Does this passage express your heart's desire for God?
- B. Is your desire to find God greater than your desire for
 - money
 - personal achievement
 - possessions
 - family
 - anything else

Remember, when it comes to seeking God, or any other endeavor in our lives, the individual must provide a key ingredient to have sustained success. Note the ingredient in Proverbs 14:23. What is it?

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Questions:

1. Based on the scriptures above, would you call yourself a seeker after God?
2. What are you doing now, on your own initiative, that demonstrates finding God is a priority in your life?
3. List the things that hinder you from being a seeker.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

Other scriptures for consideration:

Luke 17:33 - finding God by losing one's life
Isaiah 55:6 - seek God while He may be found
Psalm 119:10 - seek God with all one's heart (also verse 58)
2 Chronicles 7:14 - humble oneself to seek God
Proverbs 28:5 - only two categories; seekers and the rest
2 Chronicles 15:2 - the Lord is with those who are with Him
2 Chronicles 12:14 - setting the heart on seeking (also 19:3, 30:19)
Psalm 10:4 - your pride prevents seeking

Assignment:

Start reading the Gospel of John, and write down what impresses you about Jesus.