

Week One The Pursuit of God

Introduction

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Is seeking after God even a thing? Isn't our relationship with God on God's terms? If God already knows us completely, isn't our relationship with God just a matter of Him revealing Himself to us and us accepting that?

Read Jeremiah 29:13, Psalms 27:4, Psalms 42:1,2, Phil 3:8, Hebrews 11:6. What do you think?

Was there a time in your life that you felt especially close to God...a mountain top experience, a time of great need, great blessing or when God's hand was so clear. Can you share that?

Some preconditions in seeking God

Read Luke 10:27 What do you think it means to love God "with all your heart".

Aren't we allowed to love anything or anyone else?

Read Matthew 6: 19-21 What qualifies as "treasure"? What follows your "treasure"?

An Old Testament Example:

Read Genesis 22:1,2 Why do you think God tested Abraham? Isaac was the child of promise, clearly God's blessing to Abraham. Was it wrong for Abraham to love him?

Read Genesis 22: 15-18 What was the result of Abraham's obedience, of Abraham's commitment to God first?

What do you think it means "all of the nations on earth will be blessed" by Abraham's obedience?

A New Testament Example:

Read Luke 18: 18-23 Why did this young man end his inquiry of Jesus "very sad"?

Is there anything or anyone that you have made more important than God in your heart? Is there any part you have withheld from Him?