

Seeking God

Lesson 1: The God We Should Seek

What two aspects of faith is necessary to please God, according to Hebrews 11:6?

What is the context of Acts 17:16-31?

1. He Is Lord Of Heaven And Earth (17:24a)

How can you know that God exists and that He is the Almighty Creator?

List some Bible examples that demonstrate God's authority over all things.

2. He Cannot Be Contained In Any Temple (17:24b)

Briefly describe the magnificence of the tabernacle and the temple.

Despite the magnificence of these structures, what does 1 Kings 8:27, Acts 7:44-50, and Acts 17:24 teach? Draw conclusions from this fact.

3. He Is Not In Need Of Our Service (17:25)

Can we give God anything that He cannot have for Himself?

What does God give to all?

4. He Is The One Who Created Us (17:26-28)

Did God need a creator? Explain how God created mankind.

Why did God create us if He did not need us?

5. He Is The One Who Possesses Divine Nature (17:29)

Could this God (as has been described in this study) be represented by an image formed by man's imagination? Why or why not?

What did the Psalmist recognize about how he had been created (Psalm 139:14)? What conclusion, then, should we come to about God's nature?

6. He Is The Judge Of The World (17:30-31)

Does God have the authority to judge the world? Who will God judge the world through?

What does God command of everyone?

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Lesson 2: Why We Should Seek God

Does everyone seek after God? If not, what else do people seek?

1. Because Of Who He Is

Review the main points from Acts 17 concerning the God we should seek.

Do you desire to have a relationship with this God? Explain your answer.

2. Because God Has Created Us With The Ability To Seek Him

What is the special way God has created mankind?

What is our true purpose in life?

3. Because Sin Has Separated Us From God

Explain what it means for God to be holy.

Why and how does sin change our relationship with God?

4. Because Of What God Has Done For Us

What has God done to save us from our sins?

How should the love God has shown for us motivate us to seek Him?

5. Because Of What It Means If We Do

What does it mean to be reconciled? How can we be reconciled to God?

What will be granted to those who seek God after life on this earth is over? Describe this reward.

6. Because Of What It Means If We Don't

What is the result of continuing to live in sin on this earth?

What punishment will be given to those who do not seek God after life on this earth is over? Describe this punishment.

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Lesson 3: What It Means To Seek God

How does Deuteronomy 10:12-13 help you learn about seeking God?

1. Have Faith In God

How can we believe that He exists?

How does acceptable faith include the proper response to the reality of God?

2. Fear God

What two elements are essential to fearing God?

How will the fear of God motivate us to the proper action?

3. Love God

Why should we love God?

What does it mean to love God?

4. Sacrifice To God

What does it mean to sacrifice to God?

What should our sacrifice look like?

5. Obey God

Why will you fail to please God if you do not obey Him?

What does it mean to submit to God?

6. Serve God

What transformation is explained in Romans 6?

Does God accept our service if we also attempt to serve someone/something other than Him?

7. Worship God

What does it mean to worship God in spirit?

What does it mean to worship God in truth?

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Lesson 4: Examples Of Some Who Sought God

What is the “cloud of witnesses” referenced in Hebrews 12:1? How should it help us seek God?

1. Noah

Discuss how Noah lived a life that was different from the world.

Discuss Noah’s obedience to the instructions God had given him.

2. Abraham

Discuss Abraham’s obedience in leaving his homeland.

Discuss Abraham’s obedience in sacrificing his son.

3. Moses

Discuss Moses’ choice to associate himself with the people of God rather than with the Egyptians.

Discuss Moses’ obedience in leading the people of God out of Egypt.

4. Joshua

Discuss Joshua's trust in God when others did not trust God.

Discuss Joshua's obedience in leading Israel to the land of promise.

5. David

Discuss how David trusted in God.

Discuss how David sought forgiveness after his sin with Bathsheba.

6. Josiah

Discuss how Josiah humbled himself before the Lord.

Discuss how Josiah obeyed God's instructions.

7. Paul

Discuss how Paul turned to the Lord.

Discuss how he gave his life to Christ.

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Lesson 5: How To Seek God

What can you learn about seeking God from Deuteronomy 4:29-31?

1. Seek God Through Obeying His Word

How has God communicated with mankind in the past – and how does He communicate with us today?

Why do you need to obey God?

What is true obedience?

What is the importance of having Bible authority for everything you do in life?

2. Becoming Christians

Is hearing God's Word necessary for salvation? What does hearing the Word of God lead to?

Is faith necessary for salvation? What is faith? Is “faith only” sufficient for salvation?

Is repentance necessary for salvation? What is repentance?

Is a confession necessary for salvation? What confession must be made?

Is baptism necessary for salvation? What is baptism?

3. Living As Christians

Should your life be different after becoming a Christian than it was prior to becoming a Christian? Explain.

Do you have a responsibility to continue to be obedient to God now that you are a Christian?

What is a local church – and why is it important to be a member of a local church of Christ that is faithful to God?

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Lesson 6: False Ideas About Seeking God

Are all attempts to seek God pleasing to God? Explain.

1. "Faith Only Christianity"

What is "faith only Christianity"?

Why is "faith only Christianity" false?

2. "Denominational Christianity"

What is "denominational Christianity"?

Why is "denominational Christianity" false?

3. "Conscience-Based Christianity"

What is “conscience-based Christianity”?

Why is “conscience-based Christianity” false?

4. “Hypocritical Christianity”

What is “hypocritical Christianity”?

Why is “hypocritical Christianity” false?

5. “Lukewarm Christianity”

What is “lukewarm Christianity”?

Why is “lukewarm Christianity” false?

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Lesson 7: Obstacles To Seeking God

Who is trying to turn your heart away from seeking God? How can we know how this adversary operates?

1. Doubt

How can doubt be an obstacle?

How can you overcome this obstacle?

2. Pride

How can pride be an obstacle?

How can you overcome this obstacle?

3. False Doctrine

How can false doctrine be an obstacle?

How can you overcome this obstacle?

4. Discouragement

How can discouragement be an obstacle?

How can you overcome this obstacle?

5. Peer Pressure

How can peer pressure be an obstacle?

How can you overcome this obstacle?

6. Fleshly Desires

How can fleshly desires be an obstacle?

How can you overcome this obstacle?

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Lesson 8: Choosing To Seek God

What have you learned during the course of this series?

Will most people choose to seek God? Why or why not?

1. The Cost Of Seeking God

How is trust in God involved in discipleship?

How is self-denial/sacrifice involved in discipleship?

How is complete submission to God involved in discipleship?

How is suffering involved in discipleship?

How is a full commitment involved in discipleship?

Why does Jesus say that folks to “count the cost” before deciding to follow Him?

2. The Reward Of Seeking God

Identify how each of the following (1) experienced the cost of discipleship and (2) focused on the reward.

1. John –

2. Peter –

3. Paul –

How does Jesus describe the cost/reward of seeking God in Matthew 13:44-46? Will Heaven be worth the cost of seeking God? Explain.

***Do you choose to seek God? Explain your reasoning.**