

Experiencing God's Purpose Together

“God is . . .”

Matthew 22:36-40; John 15

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1. Living in the presence of God means . . .

- Getting the most important _____ right.

Matthew 22:36-40

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

- Knowing the difference between relationship and _____.
Luke 7:33-35

2. Living in the presence of God takes . . .

- Being careful not to _____ your life...instead put God in the _____ of everything that you do. Colossians 3:17
- Learning how you _____ in Christ. John 15:4-5
- Being careful not to substitute empty _____ for genuine _____. Colossians 2:20-23
- An understanding that you will go through _____ and _____. Ephesians 5:1
John 15:14-15

FURTHER STUDY:

1. Here are some passages that speak of God caring and wanting to relate to each of us personally. Look up each one and jot down the main point or insight it contains.

John 15:13-15

Psalm 34:15,18,22

Matthew 11:28-30

Isaiah 30:18

2. Jesus had some interesting thoughts about what it means for us as adults to interact with and relate to God. What does Jesus teach us in these passages about knowing and pleasing God?

Matthew 11:25-27

Matthew 18:1-5

- ⇒ What is the difference between a child-like faith and a childish faith?
- ⇒ Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and discuss how you could continue to build a child-like faith into the lives of your children and grandchildren.

3. Healthy long-term relationships don't happen by accident - they take ongoing intentional action. How might the actions listed in the verses below help keep us connected to God no matter what season of life we're in?

James 2:26

Mark 1:35

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Proverbs 28:13

Psalm 119:11-16

Hebrews 10:25

- ⇒ Looking back at this week's teaching and study, are there any spiritual tools you want to focus on more during this season in your life?
- ⇒ Is there anything you need prayer for to help keep God at the center of your life?