Relationship Goals “It’s Just You and Me God”

Bible Study

4 lessons covering what it means to have a relationship with God and the depth behind it.

Answering the question…what is it like to have a relationship with God?

Opening statement and Verse: **From here on…**

Section 1: **God and Me. The Equation for Salvation. Highlight = what’s covered**

• Who is God? a.)

• Who am I to God? b.)

• Relationship goals/path to salvation. c.)

Section 2: **The way I walk.**

• Building blocks. a.)

• God’s inspiration. b.)

• The Spirit vs the flesh. c.)

Section 3: **Stay With It!**

• Endurance. c.)

• Perseverance. b.)

• Grit . c.)

Section 4: **Faith.**

• Power. a.)

• Confidence. b.)

• Dependence. c.)

• Vulnerability. d.)

Closing statement: **Journey!**

**Section 1:** God and Me… The Equation for Salvation

**Lesson 1a.) So…Who is God?**

• God is the creator of the world. He created everything with the word of his mouth. He created us and everything around us. (Read: Genesis 1:1-31)

**• God is our Father.** (Ephesians 4:5-6)

• He seeks our good. (Romans 8:28, Jeremiah 29:11)

• He desires a relationship with us. (John 14:3)

• He protects and provides for his children. (Psalm 23)

• He *died* for us. (Romans 5:8)

• He’s given us an opportunity to connect with him in a unique way only we can.

• (animals can’t, plants can’t, nothing else in this world can be redeemed by him and develop a deep spiritual connection to him like we have the opportunity to.)

• He gives us access to his love.

Deuteronomy 4:31 (KJV)

31(For the Lord thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them.

**• God is Merciful and Kind.**

Psalm 25:6 (KJV)

6Remember , O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindness; for they have been ever of old.

Psalm 25:10 (KJV)

10All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**• God is the source of all Life and Light**

Psalm 27:1 (KJV)

1The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

John 8:12 (KJV)

12Then spoke Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

**• God is our shepherd.**

Psalm 23 (KJV)

1The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.3He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the path of righteousness for his name’s sake. 4Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. 5Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. 6Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

{Read: Ezekiel 34:11-16}

**• God is Limitless.**

Luke 18:27 (KJV)

27And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

Luke 1:37 (KJV)

37For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Isaiah 55:8-9 (KJV)

8For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. 9For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**• God is our Savior.**

Isaiah 43:10-12 (KJV)

10Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.11I, even I, am the Lord; and *beside me there is no savior*.12I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange God among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God.

**• God is Love**

1 John 4:8 (KJV)

8He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

John 3:16 (KJV)

16For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life,

***Key things to note about God’s love…***

• It’s **sacrificial**.

{John 3:16, Mark 8:31-33, Isaiah 53, Mark 8:35-37}

• It’s **unwavering**.

(Ezekiel 34:11-16, Isaiah 41:10, Isaiah 40:8, Psalm 100:5, Romans 8:38-39}

• It’s **intentional**.

{Matthew 4:19, Matthew 4:4, Isaiah 42:16, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5}

• It’s **reassuring**.

{Isaiah 40:29-31, Isaiah 41:10, Jeremiah 30:17, Jeremiah 30:22, Jeremiah 31:9-13, 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17}

• It’s not to be **taken advantage of.**

{James 1:8, James 4:1-3}

• It’s not to be **abused**.

{Galatians 5:19-21, James 1:22-25, John 3:36, Acts 7:51, Romans 8:8}

• It’s a love that judges **righteously**. He has no **respect** of persons. (he hates what he hates and loves what he loves. Doesn’t matter who you are.)

{Galatians 6:7, Romans 2:11-16}

• It has **standards**.

{Matthew 6:24, Matthew 7:23-27, 1 Corinthians 14:33, Galatians 6:3, 2 Timothy 2:24-26, James 1:19}

• It has **boundaries**.

{Matthew 7:14, 1 Corinthians 15:33, John 15:15}

• It has **reason** and **purpose**.

{Matthew 4:19, Matthew 5:3-12, Galatians 5:22-26}

Romans 8:38-39 (KJV)

38For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angel, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of god, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Love is NOT a feeling, it's a choice.**

Matthew 5:43-44 (KJV)

43Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. 44But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you:

**If love were a feeling, it would be easy.**

• It would not be sacrificial.

• It would not have standards.

• {“I can come when I want and I can go when I want” is the general mindset of feelings based “love”}

• Boundaries are lost.

• There would be no real hunger for righteousness.

• It would not have a reason or purpose worth protecting.

**God’s love is heavily based on movement and action. When he loves something he acts on its behalf.**

Jesus was our example of what love looks like.

We see in the gospels that Jesus

• Healed.

• Counseled.

• Taught.

• Comforted.

• And suffered for us.

Matthew 20:30-34 (KJV)

30And behold two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David. 31And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David. 32And Jesus stood still and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you? 33They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. 34So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

**• Jesus doesn’t care about what everyone else is saying when you’re sincere about *your* requests.**

• When you choose to pursue God…

• It will not always be pretty

• People will use you

• People will question your reasons

• People won’t understand

• You’ll be mocked

• You’ll face trials

**• That’s okay!! Because we see that though we face these things, our Needs are met by the King.**

• Yes….

• We want easy

• We want people to respect us

• We want acceptance

• We don’t want to be misunderstood

• We don’t want to suffer

• But God is calling us to completion.

• He has greater things than these set aside for us in heaven.

Jesus lived the life of a Servant so that we might know how to Serve God and one another.

**Love is bigger than me and you.**

**Selflessness is the core attitude of all meaningful and impactful relationships.**

Mark 10:45 (KJV)

45For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45 (NIV)

45For even the Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, giving his life as a ransom for many.

John 15:13 (KJV)

13Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

**God is not…**

**• A Tool**

**• An Accessory**

**• A Liar**

**• Evil**

**• Weak or limited in authority**

**• Fearful**

**• The author of confusion**

**• Worldly or Carnal**

**• Imaginary**

**• Merciless**

**9. God is a necessity.**

**10. God is HOLY** (1 Peter 1:15-16)

• Holiness is a defining feature of God.

• His holiness means he is not subject to culture.

• Holiness is not synonymous with Hypocrisy.

It is God’s desire for us to be holy.

1 Peter 1:15-16 (KJV)

15But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

• It’s not about rules, it's about relationship.

• Religion says sorry because I broke the rules .

• Relationship says sorry because I broke your heart.

Ephesians 5:8-11 (KJV)

8For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: 9(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)10**Providing what is acceptable unto the Lord.**11And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

3 reasons to pursue holiness

• Because we Love God.

• Because we Love Others.

• Because we Love Ourselves.

**This is who God is. God is a speaking God who longs to have and build a connection with you. He hears you when you pray. He knows your need. He’s always available.**

**Questions?** Be ready for questions, this will be the heating point for critical conversations that can either make or break your student’s confidence in what you’re teaching. Preparation is key.

*List a few of your own in this small section below:*

***Who is God to you?***

**Homework**: Pray for 15 minutes daily. Think about who God is to you and come prepared next lesson with your description of God in your life. **Read: 1 Corinthians 13:4-13.**