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.)

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

**Lesson 1b.) So…Who am I to God?**

John 15:15-16 (KJV)

15Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. 16Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

John 15:20-21 (KJV)

20Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.21But all these things will they do unto you for my name’s sake, because they know not him that sent me.

We are God’s creation.

Genesis 1:1 (KJV)

1In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Genesis 1:26-27 (KJV)

26And God said, Let us make man in our image after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.27So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 2:7 (KJV)

7And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

We are a sacred creation. A distinction amongst all creation, why?

• We are made in God’s image and as a result…

• We are creative= We can express ourselves creatively

• We are spiritual=We have an awareness of the spirit world

• We have the ability to contemplate the mysteries of God’s creation

• We have the ability to form meaningful relationships

• We can identify ourselves with time and space and the ability to make self-conscious and moral decisions.

• We have free will

Genesis 2:16–17 (KJV)

16And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:17But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

The tree of knowledge of good and evil served to give Adam and Eve the ability to either choose or reject God.

Where there is no choice there can be no real or legitimate relationship. God gave mankind a free-will and dominion over the earth. By doing this, God limited His own sovereignty over them. **He would not force His will on them or us.**

**Adam and were created to live in Two Worlds**

• The Natural world: We’re made from the dust of the ground, forever connected to the physical realm. We have senses that allow us to engage and relate to the physical world around us.

• The Spiritual world: God gave Adam the spirit of life when He breathed into him. We were made with the ability and desire to interact with the spiritual world.

In the beginning we were alive through the breath of God but because Adam sinned we are now born sinners and Spiritually dead, having died as a result of disobedience.

Romans 5:12 (KJV)

12Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned:

Physically we may be alive but all are born spiritually dead, separate from the love of God.

Do you know what it’s like to be away from something you love with all your heart?

It’s an intense suffering. Everyday we live apart from God, we suffer against ourselves.

When we are separate from God we cannot resist the flesh we are subject to without him.

WE MUST BE BORN AGAIN:

John 3:3–6 (KJV)

3Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.4Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born?5Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.6That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Jesus said we need to have a second birth.

How are we born again? (John 3:5)

• By water = repentance & baptism (Read: Acts 2:37-39)

• By Spirit = being filled with the Holy Ghost (Read: 1 Corinthians 12:13)

This is possible because God sees us differently than the world sees us.

• The world says we’re worthless.

• GOD SAYS WE’RE WORTH DYING FOR.

• The world says if we don’t look like the next person we aren’t beautiful.

• GOD SAYS WE ARE FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE.

• The world says God sees us as pawns.

• GOD SAYS HE WANTS US TO BE FRIENDS IN RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.

• The world says we aren’t loveable because of our sin.

• GOD CAME TO REDEEM OUR SIN BECAUSE HE LOVES US.

• The world says we’re on our own…we are the only answer.

• GOD SAYS HE’S THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. HE SAYS WE’RE NOT ALONE!

• The world says to be like everyone else

• GOD SAYS BE WHO I CREATED YOU TO BE.

The world would quickly chew us up and spit us out the minute we don’t meet its empty standards

God will nurture us and guide us to the fullness of his standard, never turning his back on us so long as we never turn our backs on him.

WE NEED HIM TO BE OF HIM.

WE NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT: To understand the true unadulterated love of God we must first become one with him in spirit and in truth.

John 6:63 (KJV)

63It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the word that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

Galatians 6:8 (KJV)

8For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

John 14:6 (KJV)

6Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

• We are a work of Art in God’s eyes.

• We were worth a careful creation.

Psalm 139:13-18 (KJV)

13For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother’s womb. 14I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well. 15My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, *and* curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. 17How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them! 18If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

Psalm 139:13-18 (NLT)

13You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. 14Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. 15You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. 16You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. 17How precious are your thoughts about me, they cannot be numbered! 18I can’t even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!

Don’t be afraid to pause here and engage with your student. Ask what they see. Express how these make you feel. You're not a robot, flow with it.

• You were not an Accident.

**If we look at the statements the psalmist made above, what can we see?**

**-God is intentional.**

**-God is conscious.**

**-God is no stranger to who you are.**

**-God knows what he’s doing.**

**-We were made with purpose.**

**-We were made with love.**

*• You make time for the things you care about…so does God. he’s never too busy to look your way*

If you don’t think this applies to you…look below

Colossians 1:16-17 (KJV)

16For by him are all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Note: After this lesson pause and talk about how God has revealed who you are to him.

Write a few questions to prepare for this conversation below.

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**Homework:**

Reflection: this week your homework is to consider how you think God sees you. Discussion will take place upon the next meeting day. **Read: Psalm 18 (all)** and reflect on what you see within that passage of scripture.