

ROOTED: *Being and Making Disciples*

Seek and Find
Psalm 27:7-14
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You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek." - Psalm 27:8

I. SEEK MY FACE

- God invites us to seek him. The response is up to us (Duet. 4:29; Prov. 8:17; Jer. 29:12-13).
- Those who turn their backs to God's call open themselves up to foolishness and folly (Prov. 1:20-23, 32).

II. EVERYTHING AS LOSS

- What do you yearn for in life? What are you seeking beyond everything else?
- The disciples walked away from much to follow Jesus. Doing so changed their lives in essential ways (Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 10:28-31).
- The apostle Paul had a proud heritage and great credentials. He chose to leave them behind in order to pursue Christ (Phil. 3:2-9).
- The only way, ultimately, to be "found in Christ" is to know the righteousness that comes from God (Phil. 3:7-11; Rom. 8:1-4; 2 Cor. 5:21).

III. A PASSION TO KNOW GOD

- A desire to know the true God always results in finding and knowing him (Prov. 8:17; Matt. 7:7; 1 Cor. 1:22-24; Col. 2:2-3).

Some First Steps:

1. "Taste" of the Lord. (Ps. 34:8; 1 Peter 2:3)
 2. Submit. Resist. Humble. (James 4:7-10)
 3. Little by little is almost always okay. Our first steps do not have to be big steps (Mark 5:18-19; 1 Thess. 4:9-12)
- God's call is for you to believe in Christ. Start there (Matt. 11:27-29; Mark 1:17; John 6:28-29).

KNOW: God has called us to seek him. When we have genuinely tasted of the Lord, it should lead to a passionate desire to know him, to be found in him, and to follow him at any cost.

DO: Seek to know your God.

Suggested Reading:

The Gospel of Jesus Christ by Paul Washer (LifePoint Library #234 WAL.
También disponible en español.)

Everyday Disciple-Making: Growing the Church Christ's Way by Michael Kramer (LifePoint Library #248.4 KRA)

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read Psalm 27:7-14

1. The Psalmist says, "My heart says to you, your face, Lord, do I seek." The desire is emotive, not intellectual. How do we acquire that desire?
2. If the desire is a heart desire, what role does our intellect play in our pursuit of God?
3. Paul talks about sharing in Christ's sufferings as part of knowing him. What does suffering have to do with knowing Christ?
4. What makes it so hard for us to actually pursue God? What is aligned against this desire or passion?
5. Read Joshua 24:14-15. How do Joshua's words challenge you? How do they demonstrate his desire to know God?