

MAKING DISCIPLES



STUDY 01 SEEKING JESUS

STUDENT EDITION

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Big Idea: God is seeking you and wants to be found by you. Jesus was sent so that we could find God and have a relationship with him.

Jeremiah 29:11-13

This is an amazing description of God's plan/intention for our lives. God has good will towards us: blessing, hope and a future. This should put us in "awe" of God.

God is seeking you in order to bless you. He wants good will for you. But there is one condition: God will be found only if you seek him with all your heart.

Q. Have you ever done anything with all your heart?

Q. Will you commit to seek God with all your heart?

Acts 8:26-40

This is a great story of a God-seeking man who finds what he is looking for.

Q. What are some principles of seeking God that you see here?

- A seeking person prioritizes.
- A seeking person takes time to seek.
- A seeking person reads the Bible.
- A seeking person is humble to other followers of God.
- A seeking person responds eagerly to the word of God.

Q. Are you willing to seek God by studying the Bible with us and on your own?

Let's begin by studying about Jesus.

John 1:1-5, 14, 18

Q. What do you see here about Jesus?

- Jesus is from eternity.
- He is the creator.
- He is God.
- Jesus was sent to us to reveal the God that he knew from an upfront, close relationship.

Mark 1:29-34

Q. What do you see here about Jesus?

- Jesus cared for both men and women.
- He cared for the sick, suffering and downtrodden.
- Jesus used his power as God in the flesh to help us.

Mark 1:35-39

Q. What do you see here about Jesus?

- Even though Jesus was God in the flesh, he was still reliant on God his Father; he is not self-reliant.
- Jesus shared the message of salvation and reconciliation of man to God wherever he went.

Mark 1:40-45

Q. What do you see here about Jesus?

- Jesus came with the love and power of God and compassion for humanity.

Q. What about this truth endears you to Jesus?



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Mark 3:1-6

Q. What do you see here about Jesus?

- Jesus was persecuted.
- He was seen as a threatening authority to the religious establishment of his day.

Q. Why do you think he was a threat?

Mark 4:35-41

Q. What do you see here about Jesus?

- Jesus had power over nature.

Q. How do you think you would have reacted?

John 14:1-6

Q. What do you see here about Jesus?

- Jesus believed that he was more than a good man or teacher, but that he is the only way to the Father.

Q. What do you think about his claim to be the only way to the Father?

Conclusion

Acts 17:24-28

Do you ever wonder why you are alive and what your purpose is in life?

Q. How does this scripture answer these questions?

- God created you to have a personal relationship with him.
- He has determined the times and the exact places where you have lived in order that you would seek him.

Q. Why do you think the word “perhaps” is included?

- God is expecting you to respond to his invitation to have a personal relationship with him.

It's not a coincidence that you are studying the Bible right now. It is part of God's plan for your life to be found by you.

Q. Are you willing to seek him with your heart and with your time, by studying the Bible?

Additional Scriptures: Col 2:9; Is 53:1-12; Heb 4:14-16; 1 Jn 2:3-6; Is 11:1-9; Heb 1:13, 2:14-18; Ps 22:1-18; Mic 5:2; Acts 2:22-38; Jn 1:29; 1 Pet 2:21-25; Jn 20:26-28; Jn 20:30-31; Rom 9:5.

