

Leaders: Have you led your group through the Sept-Oct prayer night yet (available online)? If not, plan to set aside time at the beginning of your night to *seek God together* before getting into discussion.

LEARN

What stood out to you from the sermon on Sunday? What was most helpful, encouraging or challenging to your walk with Christ?

Read Genesis 5:18-24. Twice we read, “Enoch walked with God”. What does it mean to walk with God? What verses comes to mind to illustrate what the Bible means by this phrase?

(It is daily communion in prayer, worship, obedience, trust. Living in light of his presence and authority as Lord and our role as created beings to know and love him. 3 John 4 / Eph 4:1-3, 5:1-2, 5:15-16 / Col. 6-7 / 1 John 2:6)

Read Hebrews 11:5-6. What are the 2 criteria laid out in verse 6 for drawing near to God? Why is it so crucial that we rightly understand both of these criteria to live a life pleasing to God?

(Biblically, to believe “he exists” includes worship, submission, he is on throne I am not. He always is, never changing, always faithful. Knowing he rewards us when we seek him is a proper motivation to walk with him.)

PRACTICE

Why should Christians actively remember that God “rewards those who seek him”?

(We need to be reminded that without fail, following God’s will and ways is always worth it. Walking with God and seeking him produce eternal blessing, relationship, and reward. God not only will not turn away someone who calls upon his name for salvation, he *rewards them*.)

God is pleased when we have faith in him. But, what does the content of our faith need to be for us to know we’re pleasing God?

(Leaders: Goal here is to rehearse gospel truths about God, man, sin, salvation in Jesus. Faith is not vague and impersonal. It has substance and foundation for us to stand on.)

What are the rewards God gives for those who seek him and what difference should it make in our daily lives?

(Many things! Grace, forgiveness, eternal life, the Holy Spirit, his righteousness... but most importantly we must remember God’s greatest gift to us is himself. He rewards us with reconciled relationship to himself.)

CHANGE

How do you personally need to seek God this week? What can you as a group of men/women do to spur one another on and encourage one another to seek God together?

(Try and have each person share something substantive they will commit to, whether starting or continuing it. Consider committing to following up at your next meeting and using that accountability to report in on how your commitment is going.)

Prayer suggestion: Read Hebrews 4:14-16 and use it to draw near to God together. Declare your need for God to continually renew your mind and change your heart, and bring all your needs to him in prayer.