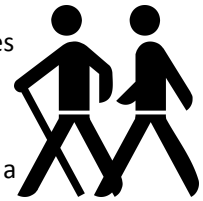
5 Basic Faith Conversations About:

LIVING OUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

In what ways have you seen your relationship with God affect your life?

Walking with God



There are two words the Bible frequently uses to talk about your life when you have a relationship with God. The first is **walk**.

Walking with God means going through life with Him. When you walk together it implies a developing intimacy through shared time, thoughts, and experiences. In the Bible we learn that God has walked with His people from the beginning of time.

What does God promise His people in **Leviticus 26:12**?

If you went walking with God today, what would you like to talk to Him about?

Has your enjoyment of being with God grown since you began your relationship with Him? If so, how?

The second term is **follow**. In **John 10:11, 27** Jesus describes Himself as a caring shepherd who leads us. As the sheep in His flock, we are to follow His direction.

What do you think makes a sheep willing to follow its shepherd?

When Jesus called people to follow Him. He was asking them to make the choice to accept His leadership and to follow His lifestyle.

*What do you think it looks like for you to live as **1 John 2:6** tells us to?*

Both walking with God and following Him mean that we choose to obey Him and seek to do His will, so that we will live in a manner that honors Him.

What are some things **Colossians 1:10** says will please God?

According to **1 John 5:3**, what is the motivation behind a Christian's desire to live a life pleasing to God?

How does this differ from how many people view living life as a Christian?

Based on our previous discussions and **Galatians 5:25**, where do we get the power to walk the same way Jesus walked?

In addition to the Holy Spirit, God has given us another help to be able to live the Christian life – a community of others who are following Him.

Leviticus 26:12
"And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people."

John 10:11, 27
"I am the Good Shepherd …My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

1 John 2:6
Whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

Colossians 1:10
. . . Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

1 John 5:3
For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

Summary Thoughts And Steps Forward

How is your "walk with God" going now?

How could we help each other be faithful to pass on what we are learning about God like Paul and Timothy did?

Would you like to continue to meet to help us grow deeper in our relationships with God?

This week read the following passages. Practice using the 5 steps you learned about how to study the Bible: **PRAY, LOOK, LISTEN, RESPOND, SHARE**.

Keep selecting new verses to memorize; and try to regularly review the ones you have already learned.

Psalm 23:1-6
John 10:1-16
Ephesians 5:8-10
Colossians 3:12-17
Romans 12:3-8
2 Corinthians 5:17-20

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John 1:12
But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

Ephesians 2:19
So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

Ephesians 4:4-6
There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call – one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all.

Acts 2:42, 46
And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship . . . and prayers . . . And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes.

1 Corinthians 12:27
Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Welcomed Into God's Community

What are some things you value about being a part of a community?

Being a part of a community with others is one of our basic needs in life. Your relationship with God not only provides you with new life, but also brings you into a new community – God's family.

Read **John 1:12**

As God's child, what is your relationship to His other children?

What are other terms used for us in **Ephesians 2:19**? What do they imply?

According to **Ephesians 4:4-6**, what do children of God have in common?

Jesus' followers have gathered in communities as a church for centuries.

What does **Acts 2:42, 46** say the followers of Christ in the 1st century did together?

How are you involved with others in God's community?

1 Corinthians 12:27 uses another image to describe the family of God – the body.

God formed us into a community with Christ as our head, and each of us an important part of the body. He designed each of us to use our strengths to help each other be more like Christ and walk as He walked.

How do you think God might use you to help others in the body?

As we interact with each other as parts of one body, the world around us can see how God designed us to live in relationship with Him and each other. That is part of our new purpose.

Given A New Purpose

Jesus came to earth to enable people to come to know God.

How does Jesus describe Himself and His purpose in **John 12:46**?

How do people come out of darkness?

In **Matthew 5:14** Jesus calls His followers "the light of the world."

How does **Philippians 2:15** describe God's intended purpose for us?

One of the purposes of us being Jesus' body on earth is to help those who do not believe in God come to know Him. We are a reflection of God, bringing light everywhere we go as we show and share what it means to know God.

According to **2 Corinthians 4:6**, what is the light that we give to others?

Who are the people in your life who need to see God's light?

What are some ways you could give them the light of knowing God?

As followers of Christ, it is natural for us to want to pass on to others the hope that we have found in Christ. We can share with them how they can know God, and we can also share how they can grow in their relationship with Him.

Read Paul's words to Timothy in **2 Timothy 2:2**.

What did Paul encourage young Timothy to do with the things he learned?

Who could be your "Timothy"?

John 12:46
I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.

Matthew 5:14
"You are the light of the world."

Philippians 2:15
That you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.

2 Corinthians 4:6
For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 2:2
And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.