

Revive

My relationship with God

Steps to a closer relationship with God

1. Take responsibility for where my relationship with God is

"When you come looking for me, you'll find me. Yes, when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else, I'll make sure you won't be disappointed." GOD'S Decree. Jeremiah 29:13-14 NLT

He is a God who is passionate about his relationship with you! Exodus 34:14 NLT

DISCUSSION: How are you being as passionate about your relationship with God as He is about His relationship with you? In other words, how are you giving to the relationship... Do you tend to make excuses or do you usually own up to where it is really at? Ask your group members what they think since they hear you talk about it regularly.

My relationship with God is ...

Terrible 1 2 3 4 5 Amazing

I am as close to God as I choose to be

DISCUSSION: How did you rate your relationship with God? Why? What kind of relationship are you going to choose to have?

... my determined purpose is that I may know Him [Christ] that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly... Philippians 3:10 AMPLIFIED

2. Identify the barriers that are keeping me from God

... There's nothing wrong with God; the wrong is in you. Your... lives caused the split between you and God. Your sins got between you so that he doesn't hear...
Isaiah 59:2 Message

Barrier

Solution

a. Laziness

Self Discipline

b. Busyness

Strategic elimination

c. Ignorance

Bible Study

d. Indifference

Identify consequences

e. Sin

Confession

f. Pride

Brokenness

DISCUSSION: What are your barriers? How are those barriers practically keeping you from having a closer relationship with God? What's causing you to choose the barrier over a relationship with God?

3. Make the necessary moves to grow closer to Him

... As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but favors the humble." So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.
James 4:6-8 NLT

a. Daily meeting time with God

I. Bible

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105
NLT

II. Prayer

Never stop praying. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NLT

III. Weekly time in worship, service and community

DISCUSSION: In what way are you falling short of taking the necessary time to grow in your relationship with God? How many times are you reading your Bible or praying? Are you committed to the Sunday worship service? How are you giving yourself to serving others? How are you connecting with your Christian community?

DISCUSSION: Are you treating your relationship with God like you would an earthly relationship that you have to cultivate or are you trying to “manage” a relationship with God?

DISCUSSION: What is your next practical step? Make sure it is something that is feasible so you aren’t discouraged if you can’t live up to it?

PRAYER PROJECT: Take 5-7 minutes to be alone and silent with God. Have a candid conversation with Him about your barriers. Confess to Him your perceived barriers and ask Him to identify any additional barriers. Then talk to Him about how to practically eliminate the barriers so that you can draw closer to Him.

Confess your barriers to your group. Pray for one another specifically that God would help you to eliminate your barriers.