TALKING WITH GOD?

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020

The Face of God
Key Scripture: Psalm 27:1–8

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Last week, we talked about prayer being a privilege, not an obligation. This week, we continue looking at what prayer is and isn't. It seems that most people view prayer as a way to get something they want from God. And we know that Scripture tells us to ask. However, the primary purpose of prayer is seeking the face of God. In our key Scripture, David proclaims who God is during a really hard time in his life. And when he does get to the asking, his request is to be in the presence of God. He doesn't go to God with all of his gimme, gimme, gimmes. So when we seek the face of God, we really mean seek the presence of God—just being with Him for the sake of being in His presence, no ulterior motives. And when we're with Him, seeking His face, we really get to know God. Then He transforms us into who He desires and who He made us to be—men and women of God with eternal significance. The face of God is greater than the hand of God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think back to Sunday's message. What do you remember? Review your notes if you have them. If you're with a life group, talk with them about anything you found memorable or confusing.
2. Read Psalm 27:4, 8. What did David earnestly desire of the Lord?
3. What does it mean to seek God's face?
4. When you seek God's face, what do you expect to happen?
5. Read Gen. 32:24–30. What changed in Jacob's life because of this wrestling match with God?
6. What's the significance of what Jacob named the place?
7. Read Matthew 6:33. This passage contains an exhortation and a promise. How have you seen these proven true in your life?
8. How do we establish our priority as it relates to prayer?
9. What's your biggest take away from Sunday's message and today's discussion?

NOW WHAT?

This week, dedicate three of your prayer times to seeking the face of God (don't ask for anything).

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