

III. Establishing The Biblical Goals Of Discipleship

INTRODUCTION TO DISCIPLESHIP GOAL #1

▲ There are two key verses related to our salvation that are at least somewhat familiar to most Christians:

1. Romans 6:23

*"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is _____
_____ through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

2. I John 5:13

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have _____..."

▲ A Brief Questionnaire Concerning Your Comprehension of "ETERNAL LIFE"

"WHAT" IS IT?

▲ My understanding of "ETERNAL LIFE" is that God has given to man _____

_____.

"WHY" IS IT?

▲ God grants to humans the "gift of ETERNAL LIFE" so that we may _____

_____.

"WHEN" IS IT?

▲ "ETERNAL LIFE" begins as soon as _____

_____.

"HOW" IS IT?

▲ A person receives the "gift of ETERNAL LIFE" by _____

_____.

▲ A Fresh Look At What God Says About “ETERNAL LIFE”

Note: One of the key things we must understand about our salvation (“eternal life”), is that it is not first and foremost about a _____. It is about a _____!

- John 14:6—
- Ephesians 2:11-18—
- John 17:3—
- I John 5:20—
- Jeremiah 9:23-24—
- John 17:22-26—
- II Corinthians 6:14-7:1—

▲ To really understand our salvation, we must understand three key things:

1. What Adam POSSESSED in his creation.

- a. He was created in God's _____.
(He was _____ and yet, _____. Gen. 2:7; I Thess. 5:23)

- b. He was created in God's _____.
(And thereby possessed the title " _____ of God." Luke 3:38)

- c. He was created in _____ with God.
(They _____ together. Gen. 3:8)

2. What Adam LOST in the fall.

- a. He lost _____.
(He still possessed a body and a soul, but a _____ that was _____. Rom 5:12)

- b. He lost the _____ of God.

- c. He lost his _____ with God.

3. What was RESTORED in our salvation.

- a. Our spirit was " _____ " by the Spirit of God. (John 3:3)

- b. The _____ of God has been restored. (John 1:12; Rom 8:14)

- c. Our _____ with God has been restored. (Eph. 2:14, 16)

▲ Because that is what salvation provided, the first goal of biblical discipleship is to...

DISCIPLESHIP GOAL #1

I. ESTABLISH YOUR DISCIPLE IN A _____ WITH GOD.

TWO KEY TRUTHS ABOUT THE "DESIRE" OF GOD:

1. God's desire has never really _____. He has always desired for "_____ of God" to _____ Him through their passion to _____ Him and _____ Him.
 - * The plan through Lucifer....
 - * The plan through Adam and his bride...
(_____ reproduction.)
 - * The plan through the Second Adam and His bride...
(_____ reproduction.)

2. God's desire has always been to receive _____ from man through the intimacy of a personal, meaningful, _____ with him.

SEVEN KEY EXAMPLES OF GOD'S DESIRE FOR A MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP

PERSON	PASSAGE	PLACE	PURPOSE
_____ & _____	Gen. 3:8	In the _____.	I want to _____ with you.
_____	Ex. 24:12	On the _____.	I want to _____ with you.
The _____	Ex. 25:21-22	At the _____.	I want to _____ with you, and _____ with you.
_____	Ezek. 3:22	In the _____.	I want to _____ with you.
_____ & the Shulamite _____	Sol. 7:11	In the _____.	I want to share _____ with you.
_____	Isa. 26:20	In my _____.	I want to be _____ with you.
The _____	Rev. 4:1; I Thess. 4:17	In _____.	I want to _____ with you.

▲ God has always intended that His relationship with man would be developed and maintained through _____.

- **Adam's Relationship With God**

* As the "voice of God walked" in the Garden, God _____ Himself to man, and _____ with man.

Note: The "voice of God" is the _____ of God! (John 1:1)

* As God revealed Himself to man and communicated with man, man _____ to God in two ways...

1) _____

2) _____

- **Our Relationship With God**

* God _____ Himself to us and _____ to us through His " _____," or His _____.

* As God reveals Himself to us and communicates with us, we _____ to God in two ways...

1) _____ (Mark 12:30)

2) _____ (John 4:23)

Note: The real essence of _____, is simply responding to God with _____ and _____.

LIFE Group Discussion Questions

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1. What is the one key Scripture, statement, or principle that will be for you the main “takeaway” from tonight’s training?
2. Which of the following best describes where you feel you are in response to tonight’s training? Do your best to explain why.
 - a. My entire paradigm concerning my salvation, “eternal life,” and the whole Christian life totally turned upside down tonight.
 - b. I guess I knew that “eternal life” was more about a PERSON than a PLACE, but I definitely know I needed to be reminded of where my focus is to be.
 - c. I don’t think I ever actually relegated “eternal life” merely as “going to heaven when I die,” but since Jesus said in John 17:3 that eternal life is really all about genuinely and intimately knowing Him, I realize tonight that before I could ever really transfer a meaningful relationship with Christ to someone I am discipling, my own relationship with Christ must become more meaningful.
 - d. If someone I’m discipling had the same exact relationship with Christ that I have with Him through His Word and prayer, it certainly wouldn’t be perfect, but it would be meaningful.
3. Based on your response to Question #2, other than “read the Bible more, and pray more,” what is something specific you could do to make your relationship with God more meaningful? If you don’t know, seek the input from others in your LIFE Group.
4. What is your response to God’s command in Jeremiah 9:23-24? (i.e. How does it change your perspective? How does it convict you? How does it motivate you? etc.)
5. We looked tonight at seven key PEOPLE with whom God wanted to meet in a particular PLACE for a specific PURPOSE. Read through the column marked “Purpose” again, at what God said He desired to experience with them.
 - a. What does that do to reveal to you the desire of God’s heart for an intimate, personal, meaningful, love relationship with you?
 - b. How do those things motivate you to deepen your relationship with the Lord?
 - c. Which of the seven means the most to you, and why?