

## Study Guide “Backstage Pass” from 8-12-2018

**Key Scriptures:** “He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel.” Psalm 103:7

- Corinthians 2:14-16 “But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For ‘who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?’ But we have the mind of Christ.”
- Psalm 27:4 “One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple.”
- Psalm 16:11 “You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”
- John 14:27 “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

### Start Talking:

- Read Psalm 103:7. Are you content to just see God’s acts, or do you want to actually know His ways? How can we really know God’s ways better?
- Do you think that some people are afraid to be backstage with God, and prefer to see what He is doing from a distance? Discuss.
- How does it make you feel to know that you have backstage pass to the Living God? Are you using it? If not, what are you missing?
- How do you use the privilege of “having a key to God’s house”? What does it mean to you in personal application? Explain.

### Start Thinking:

- Do you think many Christians ignore or run from the benefits of personal contact with God that are already given to us? Discuss.
- Pastor Bobby said, “If you’re saved, Satan can’t keep you from accessing heaven when you die. So, he’ll do anything he can to

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keep you from accessing heaven until you die.” How is Satan keeping you from accessing heaven right now in your life?

### Start Sharing:

- Psalm 27:4 reads, “One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell (meditate) in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple.” How much time do you spend “meditating and dwelling in God’s temple”?
- Pastor Bobby said that George Bernard Shaw would like to be the George Bernard Shaw that he could have been, but never was. Describe the person you could have been. Is it too late to go into God’s presence and discover your full potential?
- Acts 17:27 says, “...so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us.” Do most Christians live like God is close to us? If not, why do we distance ourselves from His presence?

### Start Praying:

- “Lord, help is to enter in behind the veil and commune with You personally. Take away the distractions and barriers that keep us in the crowd just looking at You. We are ready to find all that You have given us. In the Name of Jesus. Amen.”

### Start Doing:

- Psalm 16:11 reads, “You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” Why is basking in God’s presence so foreign to many Christians? What are the factors that prevent it? Should those factors be the higher priorities?
- John 14:27 reads, “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” Why are these words of Jesus so difficult to live out in times of trouble? (Read Jeremiah 17:9)
- What would you have to do to start seeing the events in your live from God’s perspective? Are you ready to let your problems become

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so much less tragic than they presently seem to be? God’s perspective can do that. It gives the peace you that surpasses all understanding! (Philippians 4:7)