



WEEK 5

What does GOD want?

Icebreaker Question

TODAY, what is your answer to these questions...

What do you want...

1. TO EAT
2. TO SAY
3. TO DO

than anything else? (everyone in the discussion must answer at least, one but can answer 2 or even all 3 if they want)

Watch the Sermon Short Video Clip

Key Teaching Points & Scriptures

“What you want” = MOTIVE

MOTIVE is the thing you want that is the driving force behind all your words and actions.

What does GOD want?

- By answering this question, we will discover...
- the driving force behind all that God says and does.

Genesis 1 (NIV)

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

27 So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Revelation 21 (NIV)

1 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. **2** I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. **3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. **4** ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” **5** He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” **6** He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. **7** Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

What GOD wants is to be with you forever!

John 14 (NIV)

1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. **2** My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. **4** You know the way to the place where I am going.” **5** Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” **6** Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 3 (ESV)

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

NEXT STEP:

Let GOD save you so that you can be together forever!

Discussion Questions

What is your biggest takeaway from today’s teaching?

What causes you to doubt that God simply just wants to be with you forever?

Why did Jesus have to do what He did so that we can be with Him forever?

Why do you think God wants to be with you forever so badly?

How can or should this change your life: that God wants to be with you forever more than anything else?

Have you let God save you yet? If so, how has that impacted your life? If not, what is keeping you from letting Him save you?

What is the most important thing we can be praying for you about this week?

Pray

Utilize your closing prayer time to help anyone who is in your discussion to pray a prayer asking God to save them. It’s always best for that person to pray their own prayer of salvation. So a really good practice is for someone who is more comfortable praying out loud to start the prayer and finish the prayer but let the person who wants to be saved to pray out loud. For instance, senior pastor Bill Clark might pray like this: “Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to die for us so that we can be with you forever. My friend, _____ would like to be with you forever and wants to talk to you about that right now. Please hear his prayer as he talks to you right now.” Then afterwards, Bill could finish by saying, “Thank you God for saving us. We feel so humble and thankful for your love and mercy. Please help me and my friend to become more and more like you each day as we follow you and worship you and serve you. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen!” You can let multiple people pray their prayers of salvation before you close. If no one needs or wants to pray asking for salvation, then simply close in prayer thanking God for wanting to be with us forever and doing everything He has done to make it happen.