God Family Country

GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

Connected, Not Just Close

Speaker: Shane Condon

Highlighted Scripture

James 4:8

"Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you."

Discussion Questions

- **Shane uses the phrase "close enough." In what ways can that mindset quietly creep into our relationship with God?**
- **What is the difference between knowing about God and truly walking with Him each day?**
- **Shane points out that spiritual growth happens in the ordinary, everyday moments. Why are those moments often more important than the big spiritual experiences?**
- **Looking back over the week's devotionals, how do abiding in Christ, inward transformation, valuing God's kingdom, and finding our identity in Christ all point toward a deeper relationship with God?**

• What practical changes could help you move from simply checking spiritual boxes to intentionally cultivating your relationship with Christ?

Reflection Challenge

This week, don't settle for "close enough."

Ask yourself:

• Am I spending time with God out of routine or out of a desire to know Him more?

• Are there distractions that are keeping me from drawing closer to Christ?

• What one habit could help me intentionally deepen my relationship with Him?

Try this:

• Set aside ten uninterrupted minutes each day simply to pray, read Scripture, and listen for God's leading.

• Choose one routine activity—your commute, lunch break, or evening walk—and use it as intentional time to talk with God.

• At the end of each day, ask yourself: Did I simply stay near God today, or did I intentionally walk with Him?

Remember

• God desires a relationship, not merely religious activity.

• Spiritual growth happens through consistent, daily connection with Christ.

• Outward appearances cannot replace an inward walk with God.

• Our identity, hope, and strength are found in Christ alone.

• Every ordinary day is an opportunity to draw closer to God.

Prayer

Father God,

Thank You for inviting me into a relationship with You through Jesus Christ. Forgive me for the times I have settled for simply being "close enough" instead of intentionally drawing near to You. Help me to seek You daily, not out of obligation but out of love. Teach me to treasure You above everything else, to find my identity in Christ, and to remain connected to You in both the ordinary and extraordinary moments of life. May my relationship with You continue to grow each day and be evident in the way I live.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.