

**Only Jesus
Seek and You Will Find
Discover Church
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The first step is God seeking us!

God takes the **initiative!**

A. Creation = He **created**

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Genesis 1:1

“Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them...³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.” Genesis 1:26-27, 31

B. Revelation = He **spoke**

- Nature

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.” Psalm 19:1

“Since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.²⁰ For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.” Romans 1:19-20

- Himself
- Words

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:1, 14

C. Rescue – He **acted**

“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.” Luke 1:68

“Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God” John 1:12

“Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 1:1-4

“Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.” 1 Timothy 1:15

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10

The second step is me seeking God

“So, I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” Luke 11:9,10

We seek what is **important** to us

The chief **complaint** that God has with us is that we **don't seek** – Psalm 14:2-3

“The Lord looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. ³ All have turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.” Psalm 14:2-3

God desires to be **found**, but **only** by those who **seek** him!

How should we seek?

1. **Seriously**: Hindrance is **apathy**

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” Hebrews 11:6

2. **Humbly**: Hindrance is **Pride**

We have to **engage** our minds.

“Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.” Psalm 32:9

“At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.” Matthew 11:25

3. **Honestly**: Hindrance is **Prejudice**

“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:13

4. **Obediently**: Hindrance is **Sin**

God is more than merely **interesting**

“Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.” John 7:17

God, if you exist (and I don't know you do), and you can hear this prayer (and I don't know if you can), I want to tell you that I am an honest seeker after truth. Show me if Jesus is your Son and Savior of the world. And if you bring conviction to my mind, I will trust him as my Savior and follow him as my Lord.

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3. _____: Hindrance is _____

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God is more than merely _____

Scripture: *Genesis 1:1; Genesis 1:26-27, 31; Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:19-20; John 1:1,14; Luke 1:68; John 1:12; Romans 1:1-4; 1 Timothy 1:15; Luke 19:10; Luke 11:9,10; Psalm 14:2-3; Psalm 14:2-3; Hebrews 11:6; Psalm 32:9; Matthew 11:25; Jeremiah 29:13; John 7:17*