

Seaside Church Sermon Notes

DISCIPLES: A Series on Following Jesus Together in the Local Church

1 - Walk with God

SUMMARY

Walking with God is the next step after receiving the gospel and connecting in community. This step is about personally knowing God in relationship and living for him by obeying his commands. The message focused on a Biblical Theology of "walking with God." In other words, we attempted to see this theme develop throughout the scriptures. Truly walking with God and, "Knowing God is a relationship calculated to thrill a person's heart," (J.I. Packer, Knowing God, p 36). We pray your heart would be thrilled this week as you walk with God.

GROUP QUESTIONS *(For use with your family, roommates, Community or Bible Group, or individually)*

- Share something from the message or passage that surprised, encouraged, or troubled you.
- Genesis 3.8 shows God walking in the garden. It seems that God experienced fellowship with the first humans. What does the metaphor of "walking" mean (Pastor Rob mentioned 3... are their more?) Why do you think it's one of the primary metaphors used to describe our relationship with God?
- What does the story of Enoch show us about "walking with God?" (Genesis 5.21-24)
- As a community group, try to remember together and talk through other aspects of this theme and how it developed through the Old Testament (see Genesis 17.1-2 and Deuteronomy 30:6; 30:15-16; 31:24-29).
- Walking with God today involves the practice of prayer and Bible reading. Share some of your "best practices" around these two actions.
- Discuss the gospel grid example below. Discuss how it can help us obey. What are the differences between the three options?
- Gospel Grid (Tim Keller): The example command is, "Do not lie."
 - **Legalism:** You can try your very best not to lie. This is what it means to live under the law, and you will inevitably discover that you cannot not lie. You will fail at some point and in some way.
 - **License:** You can admit on the front end that you cannot obey this command, and simply dismiss it as some sort of biblical ideal that you are not actually expected to obey. This is what it means to abuse God's truth and give into sin.
 - **Gospel:** This is the grid we want to learn. It goes like this:
 - God says, "Do not lie."
 - I cannot obey this command because I am a sinner.
 - Jesus did obey this perfectly. Jesus did what I should do (but can't) as my substitute so that God can accept me.
 - Because Jesus obeyed the law perfectly and now lives in me, and because I am accepted by God, I am now free to obey this command by his grace and power at work in me.
- Adam and Eve attempted to hide their sin from God in the "tree's." What are ways we attempt to hide our sin from God? Or perhaps justify ourselves/make ourselves look good and by covering up our sins on our own? Take time to be honest before God about this in prayer together. Remember the mercy of God, He's walking and looking for you. Put all your hope in the only savior who died on the only tree (Galatians 3.13) that can cover your sins!

FOR FAMILIES WITH KIDS

Walking with God as a family involves weekly time of prayer and Bible reading. There are many resources online for this, but here's one to get you started. <https://www.challies.com/christian-living/how-we-do-family-devotions/>

Email any questions to Pastor Rob, rob@seasidechurch.com.

Sermon Notes Cont.

RESOURCES

Prayer, Timothy Keller	How to Read the Bible for All it's Worth, Fee	The Spirit of the Disciplines, Dallas Willard
The Complete Works of E.M. Bounds on Prayer	For the Love of Gods Word, Kostenberger	Celebration of Discipline, Richard Foster
The Pursuit of God, Tozer	According to Plan, Goldsworthy	Water from a Deep Well, Sittser
My Utmost for His Highest, Oswald Chambers		



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