

How to Begin a Relationship with God

To begin a personal relationship with God, please consider these four fundamental truths from the Bible:

- (1) God loves you and wants you to enjoy a forever relationship with Him. (John 3:16)
- (2) Failure to live up to God's standard of holy perfection (sin) has resulted in separation from God that will last forever for everyone who does not believe. (Romans 3:23, 6:23)
- (3) To solve the problem of sin that separates you from God, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to pay the penalty for your sin by dying on the cross. (1 Peter 3:18)
- (4) Everyone who makes a personal decision to trust in Jesus Christ alone as their Savior from sin receives forgiveness from sin and enters God's forever family. (John 1:12)

If you want to make the decision today to begin a relationship with God, you can express your faith in Christ by personally praying the following:

“Father, thank You for loving me and wanting a relationship with me. I admit that I have sinned and that I need a Savior. I believe that Your Son, Jesus, died on the cross to pay for my sins. I trust Jesus alone as my Savior. Thank You for making me part of your family.”

If you made a decision today to trust in Jesus as your Savior, let us know by indicating on the communication card OR by telling a pastor. We want to celebrate with you and help you take your first steps in this new relationship.



The Big Idea – A church empowered by the _____ and centered on the _____ will result in a distinctive community of faith committed to living out the Gospel together.

Observations & Applications From The Passage –

Now What?

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Personal Study

(1) Read Acts 2:42-47 and 4:32-37. Write out the similarities found in these two passages. What stands out to you the most? _____

(2) Read John 13:34-35. What point is Jesus trying to make? _____

(3) Read Ephesians 4:11-13. How does Paul define and describe the process of spiritual maturity in this passage? _____

(4) Read I Timothy 6:17-19. Write in your own words what Paul is encouraging Timothy to teach and why? _____

(5) Read I Peter 2:9-12. What does this passage communicate in regards to the difference between people who believe and those who do not? _____

(6) Read Hebrews 11:23-25. What is the connection between our spiritual growth and our need to gather with others who believe? _____

(7) Read I Peter 4:8-11 Write out the responsibility we have to each other in the body? _____

Personal Application

(1) How do you view your need for the community of faith...necessary to your spiritual growth? _____

(2) What tends to hold people back from being fully committed to the community of faith called the Church? How about you? _____

(3) What motivates you to commit to living out the Gospel daily in community? _____

(4) Has there been a time you observed or experienced the church meeting the needs of people in a sacrificial way? How would you gauge your generosity? _____

(5) Do you think that the American church is attractive to the community around it? Why or why not? _____

(6) Why is the Gospel and the Holy Spirit the catalyst for real biblical community? _____

7) What is your next step in getting more fully committed to the community of faith called the Church! _____
