



Who Needs Who?

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There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one. Romans 3:10-12

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God is totally _____ from His Creation

His Creation is absolutely _____ upon Him

Cp. John 15:5; Romans 7:24; 1 Corinthians 8:2; 2 Corinthians 3:4-5

A Reflection of Psalm 100

A. 2 Declarations about the Lord ...

1. He is _____
2. He is _____

B. 3 Responses to Who He is ...

1. We _____ for Joy ... vs. 1
2. We _____ the Lord with Gladness ... vs 2
3. We _____ with Joy ... vs. 3

C. Hence ... we _____ to give thanks and praise His name ... vs. 4

D. And His _____ Endures Forever ... vs. 5

So What?

- 1) God owns _____; we own _____.
- 2) Our lives are broken because of _____.
- 3) If God doesn't help us, we're _____.

Truth for Life

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(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Think back to your childhood, what kinds of things were you dependent upon your parents for? As you aged you began to seek independence, what kinds of things were you able to do on your own? What kinds of things did you desire to do without your parent's oversight? Did independence (or your search for it) always bring about positive results? Did it always feel good? Was there ever a time that you wished you had listened to your parents?
2. Read the following verses that give insight into our dependence upon God.

John 15:4-5	1 Corinthians 15:10	Psalm 135:6-9
James 4:13-17	Jeremiah 17:5-9	Philippians 2:12-13

In what ways do these verses give insight into our dependence upon God? In what ways are we dependent upon Him? What does He do for us? What can we not do without Him?
3. In what ways do we seek to live without God's oversight? Or to live on our own? What within us causes us to think or believe we can live life on our own? Read 1 Corinthians 8:2-3 in several translations, even a paraphrase like the Message will be helpful. How do these verses counter the idea that we know enough to do it on our own?
4. Consider the blunders you have made in your life. How many of those could be directly tied back to a choice to act in your own knowledge or under your own direction ... knowing all the while you were acting outside of the direction of your authority (God, parents, boss, etc.)? Reflect on the "So What?" section. What stands out to you? Any steps you need to take? How can this group assist you in those steps?
5. Here are some more challenging questions that will be great to ponder among your small group.
 - a. A person has experienced many difficult trials and doubts that God is truly good. How would you counsel him?
 - b. What should a Christian do who has lost the joy of serving the Lord? Should he quit until he regains his joy?
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A. 2 Declarations about the Lord ...

1. He is **God**
2. He is **Good**

B. 3 Responses to Who He is ...

1. We **Shout** for Joy ... vs. 1
2. We **Serve** the Lord with Gladness ... vs 2
3. We **Sing** with Joy ... vs. 3

C. Hence ... we **gather** to give thanks and praise His name ... vs. 4

D. And His **Mercy** Endures Forever ... vs. 5

So What?

- 1) God owns **everything**; we own **nothing**.
- 2) Our lives are broken because of **sin**.
- 3) If God doesn't help us, we're **sunk**.

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