



What You Seek, You will Find

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Truth for Life

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(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

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Let's Clarify

- A. Everyone Seeks _____
- B. What You Seek is _____
- C. Whatever Righteous Thing You Desire is _____ ... ___
you seek it with all your heart.

But We Have Excuses ...

- 1) _____
- 2) " _____ "
- 3) "I'll Never _____" or "I don't want to _____"

Steps Toward Finding ...

- 1) Admit Your _____
- 2) _____ to God
- 3) Surround yourself with _____ who are
Seeking God
- 4) Wait on the _____
- 5) Spend time _____ and _____

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Matthew 11:28-29

1. What are some things people search for? Have you ever known someone who's life became consumed with the search? What were they looking for? How did it consume their life? Did they find what they were looking for? In your opinion, why or why not?

2. Read the following verses about seeking and finding ... What principles are taught about seeking and finding? What seems to be focal point of being sought? Do you see any promises?

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Psalms 27:8	Isaiah 55:6	Jeremiah 29:11-13
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3. Building upon the verses we just read, is the principle of seeking and finding a blanket promise? Does it promise to give us anything we seek for? Why or why not? Read James 4:1-4. What additional principles can we glean from this passage?

4. Rabbi David Wolpe tells the story of a rabbi's child who strayed often into the forest. At first his father let him stray. But when it became a regular routine, the father grew concerned. What's his child doing there? The forest was dangerous. One day he asked the child, 'Why do you go into the forest each day?' The child said, 'I go to find God.' The father responded, 'That's a wonderful thing to do, my child. And I'm pleased you search for God. But, my child, you should realize that God is the same everywhere.' The child answered, 'I know that, Father; but I am not the same everywhere.'

What is the child's point? What needs to change within us in order to find God more easily? What hinders us from connecting with God? Why do these changes need to be made to find and connect with God?

5. Here are some more challenging questions that will be great to ponder among your small group.

- a. How can we help unbelievers to see that their main need is for eternal life, not for temporal goods or pleasures?
- b. A Roman Catholic friend argues that James 2:14-26 proves that we must add our works to faith in order to be saved. How would you answer him? What Scriptures would you use?
- c. To do well in a demanding career, you must devote much time and effort to it. How does John 6:27 apply in this situation?
- d. Should Christians strive for success? What are God's criteria for success?



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- A. Everyone Seeks **Something**
- B. What You Seek is **Easy to Discover**
- C. Whatever Righteous Thing You Desire is **Yours** ... **if** you seek it with all your heart.

But We Have Excuses ...

- 1) **Self-Pity**
- 2) **"I'm Trying"**
- 3) **"I'll Never Change"** or **"I don't want to Change"**

Steps Toward Finding ...

- 1) Admit Your **Need**
- 2) **Cry Out** to God
- 3) Surround yourself with **others** who are Seeking God
- 4) Wait on the **Lord**
- 5) Spend time **Fasting** and **Praying**

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