

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Vision Sunday: Closer/Further - Part 2

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Introduction

We often measure how close we are to others by our geographic proximity to them. The closer the distance, the closer we feel in our relationship. This may not be a true indicator of how we are going relationally with the other person. Likewise, our relationship with God is not one that can be measured by location. Rather, our closeness to God is determined by the level of intimacy between us and God. It is up to us whether or not we want to be transparent and vulnerable with Him. God is always available to us – how close we feel to Him depends upon what we are doing to draw closer to Him.

Bible Passage

Acts 17:24-28

Discussion

1. Read Acts 17:28. What is your understanding of this? How is this related to our intimacy with God?
2. Read Hebrews 11:6. How does the relationship between God's rewards and our human attitudes work? What is your interpretation of "seeking" God?
3. Intimacy with God is about priority. What do we need to do to be more vulnerable with God? What are the challenges?
4. Read John 5:39-40 and Philippians 4:6-7. Knowledge does not mean trust. Your intimacy with God is connected to how much you trust Him. What are the things that worry you lately?
5. If you could describe intimacy using only a few words, what would they be?
6. On the scale of one to four (with four being really good), how is your relationship with God? What practical steps can you take this week to be more intimate with Him?

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Respond

We know that God desires to be closer to us. It all depends on how we respond to His invitation. We can be scared of being intimate with Him because we feel unqualified or undeserving, or because of known sin in our lives. But we can also be brave enough to draw near to God despite how we feel about ourselves, knowing that He is the only one that can transform and forgive us. All we need to do is to draw ourselves closer to Him and be willing to trust Him.