

Habits of Seeking God
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon
and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group.
For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is not to get through the
questions, but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships.
Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

[Luke 22:39-46, NIV]

Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. {40} On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." {41} He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, {42} "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." {43} An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. {44} And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. {45} When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. {46} "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

USUAL/Greek ETHOS: "part of the routine;" customary; what is normal; what is habitual

Success is not an event; it is a habit.

When we develop an ethos of seeking God:

We will know God's Word

If you win the morning, you'll win the day.

[Psalm 119:11, NIV]

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.
(“logos” written word in your heart is necessary to hear the “rhema”
personal word for you)

Temptation is not sin. It's what you do with it that leads to sin or freedom.

When we develop an ethos of seeking God:

We Will Recognize God's Voice

[John 12:49-50, NLT]

“I don't speak on my own authority. The Father who sent me has commanded me what to say and how to say it. {50} And I know his commands lead to eternal life; so I say whatever the Father tells me to say.”

When we develop an ethos of seeking God:

We Will See Others As God Sees Them

[Luke 23:34, NLT]

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing.”

When we develop an ethos of seeking God:

We Will Know Our Purpose

[John 13:3-5, NLT]

Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. {4} So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, {5} and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.

Your purpose is to serve other people. Jesus wasn't into titles; He was into towels.

FOR MONDAY—

1. Dedicate time to getting God’s “logos” written Word in you. Ask Him for a “rhema” personal word for your life.
2. Figure out your next step in serving God’s people.

TALK IT THROUGH

1. Have you ever had any unusual habits? When did they change (if they have)?
2. What are some things you do as “usual?” What did Jesus do as usual? [Luke 22.39-46]
3. Randy Bezet emphasized the greek word "ethos": “customary, what is normal, what is habitual.” How is it that your ethos can help you in moments of hardship, challenges, temptations and other oppositions?
4. What is the difference between the “logos” word and the “rhema” word? How do these work together to influence your decisions?
5. How do you respond to the statement: “Success is not an event; it’s a habit.”? Which habits will set you, or your family, up for ongoing success?
6. Why is God’s will and timing equally important? How does knowing God’s voice help you figure it out?
7. How does having a habit of pursuing God help us see other people as God sees them?