

(CORNERSTONE Series #1)

房角石

Relationship With God

与神的关系



Growing Into Maturity With God



- To become a Christian: beginning of a relationship with God

- Growing to maturity > Aging



- God is a person, not a force or energy

- The most loving and caring person

- God wants to be your friend

- He wants to talk to you

- He wants you to talk to him

Growing Into Maturity With God

在主里长大成熟



- 成为一个基督徒：开始与神有了一个关系
- 长大成熟>变老
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- 神是人，不是一种势力或能量
- 最关爱体贴的人
- 神要成为你的朋友
- 祂想和你交谈
- 祂想你和他说话



Our Religious Character



- Every person is religious: longs to know God and worship something
 - God has put a sense of divinity into each of us
- Ecclesiastes 3:11: *He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also **He has put eternity in their hearts**, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.*
- We know God through communication and experience (like with people)
- Adam failed because of insufficient relationship with God
 - Child effect
- No limit to how much time you can spent time with God and get to know him better

我们的宗教性格



- 每个人都有宗教性：渴望认识神并敬拜某些东西
 - 上帝赋予我们每个人一种神性
- 传道书 3:11 神造万物，各按其时成为美好，又将永生安置在世人心里。然而神从始至终的作为，人不能参透。
- 我们通过交流和经历认识神（就像与人一样）亚当失败是因为与神关系不够
 - 儿童效应
- 没有限制你可以花多少时间与神共度时光，并更了解祂。

I. Who Is God?



- God is one God, revealed in three persons
- What three persons make up the Godhead?

A.....

B.....

C.....

• Hint in Matthew 28:19: *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

I. 神是谁?

- 只有一位神，透过三个位格向我们显示
- 神有哪三个位格组成？

A.....

B.....

C.....

- 马太福音 28:19 提示：所以，你们要去，使万民作我的门徒，奉父、子、圣灵的名给他们施洗

God the Father



- A. 1 John 4:8: *He who does not love does not know God, for God is **love**.*
- B. Matthew 7:11: *If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven **give good things** to those who ask Him.*
- C. 1 John 1:5: *This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is **light** and in Him is no darkness at all.*
- D. James 1:17: *Every **good gift** and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of **lights**, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.*

天父



- A. 约翰一书 4:8 没有爱心的，就不认识神。因为**神就是爱**。
- B. 马太福音 7:11你们虽然不好，尚且知道拿好东西给儿女，何况你们在天上的父，岂不更把**好东西**给求他的人吗？
- C. 约翰一书 1:5 神就是**光**，在他毫无黑暗。这是我们从主所听见，又报给你们的信息。
- D. 雅各书 1:17 各样美善的恩赐，和各样全备的**赏赐**，都是从上头来的。从众**光**之父那里降下来的。在他并没有改变，也没有转动的影儿。

God the Father

- E. John 4:23-24: *But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is **Spirit**, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.*
- F. Hebrews 12:9: *Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of **spirits** and live?*
- Describe the qualities of a good father



天父

- 约翰福音 4:23-24 时候将到，如今就是了，那真正拜父的，要用心灵和诚实拜他，因为父要这样的人拜他。 神是个灵所以拜他的，必须用心灵和诚实拜他
- 希伯来书 12:9 再者，我们曾有生身的父管教我们，我们尚且敬重他，何况万灵的父，我们岂不更当顺服他得生吗？
- 描述一个好父亲的条件



Jesus, the Son



- A. John 8:12: *Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the **light** of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”*
- B. John 10:14: *I am the **good shepherd**; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.*
- C. Hebrews 13:8: *Jesus Christ is **the same** yesterday, today, and forever.*
- D. Galatians 3:13 *Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a **curse for us.***
- Jesus redeemed us through His death, burial, and resurrection from the curse of the Law: poverty, sickness and eternal death
- Only prerequisite: have *faith* in Him as our Redeemer

耶稣 圣子



- A. 约翰福音8:12 耶稣又对众人说，我是世界的光。跟从我的，就不在黑暗里走，必要得着生命的光。
- B. 约翰福音10:14 我是好牧人。我认识我的羊，我的羊也认识我。
- C. 希伯来书13:8：耶稣基督，昨日今日一直到永远是一样的。
- D. 加拉太书3:3：基督既为我们受了咒诅，就赎出我们脱离律法的咒诅。因为经上記着，凡挂在木头上都是被咒诅的
- 耶稣藉着祂的受死，埋葬和复活将我们从律法的咒诅下得以拯救：（脱离）贫穷，疾病和永恒的死亡
- 唯一的前提：相信祂是我们的救赎主

The Holy Spirit



- 1 Corinthians 3:16: *Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God **dwells in you**?*
- John 16:13-14: *However, when He, the Spirit of **truth**, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will **glorify Me**, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.*



- John 14: 26: *But the **Helper**, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will **teach** you all things, and bring to your **remembrance** all things that I said to you.*

圣灵



- 哥林多前书3:16：岂不知你们是神的殿，神的灵住在你们里头吗？
- 约翰福音16:13-14只等真理的圣灵来了，他要引导你们明白一切的真理。因为他不是凭自己说的，乃是把他所听见的都说出来。并要把将来的事告诉你们。他要荣耀我。因为他要将受于我的，告诉你们。



- 约翰福音14:26：但保惠我差来的圣灵，他要将一切的事，指教你们，并且要叫你们想起我对你们所说的一切话。

The Holy Spirit



- Romans 8:14: *For as many as are **led** by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*
- Romans 8:16: *The Spirit Himself **bears witness** with our spirit that we are children of God.*
- Romans 8:26: *Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself **makes intercession for us** with groanings which cannot be uttered.*



圣灵



- 罗马书 8:14: 因为凡被神的灵引导的，都是神的儿子
- 罗马书 8:16: 圣灵与我们的心同证我们是神的儿女。
- 罗马书 8:26: 况且我们的软弱有圣灵帮助，我们本不晓得当怎样祷告，只是圣灵亲自用说不出来的叹息，替我们祷告。



How Do I Get to Know God?



- John 17:3: *This is life eternal, that they might **know** you the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent*
- The most basic means of communication:
 - (1) Bible reading
 - (2) Daily prayer
- Secondary means:
 - (3) Church tradition
 - (4) Surrounding culture

我怎样认识神？



- 约翰福音17:3：认识你独一的真神，并且认识你所差来的耶稣基督，这就是永生。
- 最基本的交流方式：
 - (1) 读经
 - (2) 每天祷告
- 第二种方式：
 - (3) 教会传统
 - (4) 周围的文化

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Nature

•Psalm 19:1-4: ***The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.***



• Romans 1:20-21: ***For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.***

我怎样认识神？



自然

• 诗篇 19:1-4: 诸天述说神的荣耀，穹苍传扬他的手段。这日到那日发出言语。这夜到那夜传出知识。无言无语，也无声音可听。他的量带通遍天下，他的言语传到地极。神在其间为太阳安设帐幕。



• 罗马书1:20-21: 自从造天地以来，神的永能和神性是明明可知的，虽是眼不能见，但藉着所造之物，就可以晓得，叫人无可推诿。因为他们虽然知道神，却不当作神荣耀他，也不感谢他。他们的思念变为虚妄，无知的心就昏暗了。

How Do I Get to Know God?



History

•Acts 17:26: *And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and **has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings.***



•Acts 14:15-16: *And saying, “Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living **God, who made** the heaven, the earth, the sea, and **all things** that are in them, who in bygone generations **allowed all nations to walk in their own ways.***

我如何认识神？

历史

•使徒行传 17:26：他从一本造出万族的人，住在全地上，并且预先定准他们的年限，和所住的疆界。



•使徒行传 14:15-16：诸君，为什么作这事呢？我们也是人，性情和你们一样。我们传福音给你们，是叫你们离弃这些虚妄，归向那**创造**天，地，海，和其中**万物**的**永生神**。他在从前的世代，任凭万国各行其道。

How Do I Get to Know God?



Conscience

•Romans 2:14-16: *For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the **law written in their hearts**, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.*



我如何认识神？

良心

罗马书 2:14-16：没有律法的外邦人，若顺着本性行律法上的事，他们虽然没有律法，自己就是自己的律法。这是显出**律法**的功用刻在他们心里，他们是非之心同作见证，并且他们的思念互相较量，或以为是，或以为非。）就在神藉耶稣基督审判人隐秘事的日子，照着我的福音所言。



1. Example of Enoch

以诺的例子

•Genesis 5:24: *And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.*

创世记5:24 以诺与神同行，神将他取去，他就不在世了

•What did Enoch do? 以诺做了什么？

•What does it mean to walk with or have closely fellowship with a friend ?

与一个朋友同行或与他有

很亲密的关系意味着什么？



2. Put God First 把神放在第一位



- Enoch put God first 以诺把神放在第一位
- Every day we make decisions, attend to responsibilities and we prioritize 每一天我们做出决定，承担责任和分清轻重缓急
- Where does God fit on our daily priorities? 神在我们日常的优先次序上是在哪里？
- A. Matthew 6:33: *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*
马太福音6:33 你们要先求他的国和他的义。这些东西都要加给你们了。
- What does God say we should seek first? 神说我们要先求什么？
- What is the result of putting God first? 把神放在第一位的结果是什么？

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•B. Colossians 3:1-2: *If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.*

所以你们若真与基督一同复活，就当求在上面的事。那里有基督坐在神的右边。你们要思念上面的事，不要思念地上的事。

•What things are we to seek as Christians?

作为基督徒我们要寻求什么？

•What do you think Paul means by seeking “those things above”? 保罗说当求“上面的事”，你觉得保罗这里指的是什么？

2. Put God First



•C. Luke 10:40-42: *Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.” And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.”*

- Why did Jesus commend Mary?
- What was Martha’s problem?
- It is easy to be busy: what things are taking too much of your time?

2. 把神放在第一位



•C. 路加福音10:40-42：马大伺候的事多，心里忙乱，就进前来说，主阿，我的妹子留下我一个人伺候，你不在意吗？请吩咐她来帮助我。 耶稣回答说，马大，马大，你为许多的事，思虑烦扰。 但是不可少的只有一件。马利亚已经选择那上好的福分，是不能夺去的。

- 为什么耶稣要吩咐玛利亚？
- 什么是马大的问题？
- 很容易陷入忙碌中：什么东西占用了你太多的时间？

3. Seek God With Your Whole Heart



- A. Revelation 3:15-16: *I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.*
- What does God think about those believers who are lukewarm or half-hearted?
- B. Psalm 119:2: *Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with the whole heart!*
- How are we to seek God?

3.用你的全心来寻求主



- A. 启示录 3:15-16: 我知道你的行为，你也不冷也不热。我巴不得你或冷或热。你既如温水，也不冷也不热，所以我必从我口中把你吐出去。
- 神对那些不冷不热或三心二意的信徒怎么看？
- B. 诗篇 119:2: 遵守他的法度，一心寻求他的，这人便为有
- 我们如何去寻求神？

3. Seek God With Your Whole Heart



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C. Jeremiah 29:13: *And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.*

- When will we really get to know God, or find Him?

- D. Matthew 5:6: *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.*

- We will be filled with God if we do what?

- Describe in your own words what it is like to hunger and thirst for God

3. 用你的全心来寻求主



- C. 耶利米书29:13: 你们寻求我，若专心寻求我，就必寻见。
- 我们什么时候才能真正了解上帝，或者找到他？

- D. 马太福音 5:6: 饥渴慕义的人有福了，因为他们必得饱足。
- 我们做什么会被神充满？
- 用你自己的话来描述，对神饥渴慕义就是什么？

4. What Are Results of Seeking God?



•A. 2 Chronicles 7:14: *If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*

- Who is to seek God?
- What four things are we to do?
- What does God promise to do?

•B. 2 Chronicles 16:9: *For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.*

- What type of person are the eyes of the Lord ever seeking for?
- What does God want to do for that person?

4. 寻求神的结果是什么？

- A. 列代志下 7:14: 这称为我名下的子民，若是自卑，祷告，寻求我的面，转离他们的恶行，我必从天上垂听，赦免他们的罪，医治他们的地。
 - 谁来寻求神？
 - 我们要做哪四件事？
 - 神的应许是什么？
- B. 列代志下16:9: 耶和華的眼目遍察全地，要显大能帮助向他心存诚实的人。
 - 耶和華的眼目寻求的是什么样的人？
 - 神要为那人做什么？

4. What Are Results of Seeking God?



- Psalm 34:10: *The young lions lack and suffer hunger; but those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.*
- Those who see the Lord will not lack what?
- D. Proverbs 8:17: *I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently will find me.*
- When we seek God what happens?
- Hebrews 11:6: *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*
- What does God do for those who diligently seek Him?

4. 寻求神的结果是什么？

- 诗篇 34:10：少壮狮子，还缺食忍饿。但寻求耶和华的。什么好处都不缺。
- 寻求耶和华的不会缺乏什么？
- D. 箴言 8:17：爱我的，我也爱他。恳切寻求我的，必寻得见。
- 当我们寻求神是，会发生什么？
- 希伯来书 11:6：人非有信就不能得神的喜悦。因为到神面前来的人，必须信有神，且信他赏赐那寻求他的人。
- 神为恳切寻求祂的人做什么？

5. Examples of Those Who Sought God



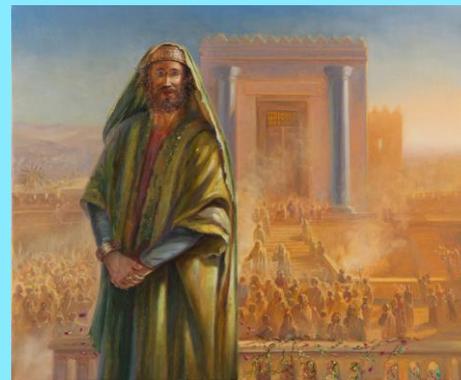
寻求神的例子

•A. 1 Chronicles 28:9: *As for you, my son **Solomon**, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.*

列代志上28:9 我儿所罗门哪，你当认识耶和华你父的神，诚心乐意地事奉他。因为他鉴察众人的心，知道一切心思意念。你若寻求他，他必使你寻见。你若离弃他，他必永远丢弃你。

•Solomon was instructed to know God and to serve God. How was he supposed to do this?

所罗门被教导要认识神和事奉神，他应该如何做到这些？



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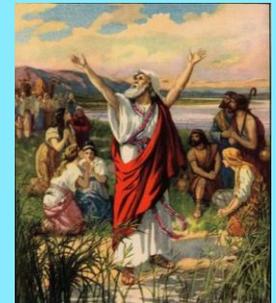
•B. 2 Chronicles 31:20-21: *Thus **Hezekiah** did throughout all Judah, and he did what was good and right and true before the Lord his God. And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, in the law and in the commandment, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart. So he prospered.*



- How did Hezekiah seek his God?
- What was the result?

•C. Ezra 7:10: *For **Ezra** had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel.*

- Ezra prepared his heart for what three things?



5. 寻求神的例子

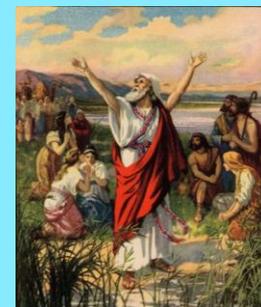
•B. 2 列代志下 31:20-21: **希西家**在犹大遍地这样办理，行耶和華他神眼中看为善为正为忠的事。凡他所行的，无论是办神殿的事，是遵律法守诫命，是寻求他的神，都是尽心去行，无不亨通。

- 希西家如何寻求神？
- 结果是什么？



•C. **以斯拉**记 7:10: 以斯拉定志考究遵行耶和華的律法，又将律例典章教训以色列人。

- 以斯拉为哪三件事预备他的心？



III. Personal Application



•Deuteronomy 30:19-20: *I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you **life and death, blessing and cursing**; therefore **choose life**, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.*

- Our Christian life: result of our *choices*
- God will not enforce us: we have free will to choose life or death, blessing or curse
- Do you choose to seek God first?
- To seek God is a lifelong commitment (like marriage between 2 people)
- It take *time* to get to know someone—*effort & patience* to talk and listen
- Walk with God like you would do with your best friend!

III. 个人应用



- 申命记 30:19-20：我今日呼天唤地向你作见证。我将**生死祸福**陈明在你面前，所以你要**拣选生命**，使你和你的后裔都得存活。且爱耶和华你的神，听从他的话，专靠他。因为他是你的生命，你的日子长久也在乎他。这样，你就可以在耶和华向你列祖亚伯拉罕，以撒，雅各起誓应许所赐的地上居住。
- 我们基督徒的生命：我们选择的结果
- 神不会强迫我们：我们有自由意志来选择生命或死亡，祝福或诅咒。
- 你选择寻求神放在第一位吗？
- 寻求神是一个终身的承诺(就像婚姻中的两个人)
- 认识一个人需要时间，努力和耐心去交谈和聆听
- 与神同行，就如同你和你的好朋友一起。

IV. Discussion Questions



- What are some specific ways you can put God first and seek Him with all of your heart?
- Are there any attitudes, habits, or activities that you need to make God number 1 in your life?
- Discuss the ways that each of you seeks God. How do you spend time reading the Bible and praying? Discuss the benefits of different approaches each person uses
- What differences have you seen in your life when you are seeking God and when you are not?
- What types of activities hinder you from seeking God daily?

IV. 问题讨论



- 有一些什么特别的方式可以让你把神放首位并全心来寻求祂？
- 你有什么样的态度，习惯或活动，需要使神在你的生活中居首位？
- 讨论一下你们每个人寻求神的方式。你如何花时间来读经和祷告？讨论每个人使用不同方法的益处。
- 当你寻求神或不寻求神时，你在你的生命中你能看到什么区别？
- 什么样的事情会阻拦你每天寻求神？