

session three

relationship with God

AN EXCITING ADVENTURE

Please read John 17:3

Now you have begun a new life, you have an exciting future ahead of you which will continue to unfold as you get to know God better.

- So, how can you get to know God?
- How do you and God communicate?

Q: In your opinion – what makes a good relationship?

Good relationships need regular communication otherwise they are weak and unreal. **God wants to communicate with you** – isn't that amazing?



He talks – you listen
You talk – He listens

He wants to answer your prayers and do miracles for you and through you! This is now the No.1 relationship of your life.

HOW TO PRAY

Prayer is simply talking and listening to God. He is with you always and therefore you can talk to Him anytime – any place.

Read [Matthew 6:9](#)

Jesus said when you pray say “Our Father in heaven”. Always be aware He is your Father and you are His child. He wants to:

- Care for you
- Provide for you
- Guide you
- Answer your prayers

God is love. Whenever you talk to Him,
you need to remember that He loves you
and His desire is to do you good.

SIN

At times you and I can think, say and do things that grieve God. Sin hinders our relationship with God. If we have sinned we need to ask God to forgive us.

Read [1 John 1:9](#)

God will forgive every sin we confess to Him and His forgiveness is instant. As soon as we say sorry that sin is removed and we are forgiven.

Once you have confessed your sin, it is important to believe that God has forgiven you. Your feelings are not your guide – God said it and so He will do what He said.

It is also important that you forgive yourself.

THE BIBLE

To grow in your relationship with God you need a bible. Ask a Christian friend to help you choose the right version for you. (*The NIV is very popular*). Read [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#)

The bible is literally God’s spoken Word to man and is called the “Word of God”. It has within it 66 separate books contained in 2 categories called the Old Testament and the New Testament. It is the best selling book of all time – distinctive and superior to all other books .

The Christian faith is not based on
man’s ideas or theories about God but on
God revealing Himself to man.

The bible is the primary way to know God. It tells us:

- Who God is
- What He has done and will do
- Who we are
- What He wants us to do

Read [Psalm 103:8](#)

Q: *Does knowing this change your relationship with God?*

The Bible is true, enabling us to know about
God and His will. It alone shows us what to
believe and is the final authority on everything.

Read [John 6:63/Hebrews 4:12](#)

God’s Word carries His breath and life. It is living and powerful. His Word has power to change everything. Here are some examples of what it will do:

- Heal your body
- Change your circumstances
- Give you the answers you need in life

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GOD'S WORD IS SEED

Read Mark 4:1-20

Jesus said God's Word is seed which will work in your life as soon as you plant it in your heart. You and I understand how seed works – it's a simple concept. Seed in a packet doesn't work, but if planted in soil it will germinate, grow and eventually produce a harvest.

The bible is like seed in a packet – until it's planted it doesn't work in your life. If it is planted, it will produce a harvest of every good thing from God.

Start sowing!

Read Joshua 1:7-8

Sowing the Word is easy – this is what God told Joshua to do to have success in life. Simply take a scripture (*like Psalm 23:1*) and meditate on it until it becomes a reality to you.

To meditate:

Read it • Think it • Believe it • Speak it

Do this again and again until it really gets down into your heart and changes the way you THINK, SPEAK and ACT. If you do this, you will have success in life.

Points to remember:

Prayer is just talking and listening to God. You can pray any time, any place and God will hear and answer.

God's Word is seed – it will grow and produce amazing things when it is sown in your heart.

Action step:

Decide the best time in your day to pray and read the bible. Get a bible and meditate on the following scriptures during the week:

PSALM 23:1 / PHILIPPIANS 4:13 / PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7