

Seek the Lord

Ready:

“Seek the Lord while you can find Him. Call on him now while He is near.” -- Isaiah 55:6

Set

Life continues to throw confusion, isolation and temptations before us. What will our season look like? In a world where it seems like anything goes, how do we stay true to our convictions? Will we always be singled out on our team for believing and defending our faith?

As we look for answers to the uncertainty life keeps throwing us, we lift our sights to the Lord and His infinite wisdom. We can read and listen to as many self-help books and podcasts as we want, but we won't find lasting truth to direct us unless it's from God's Word.

In a world of distractions, God tells us to seek and turn to Him. We easily veer off course if we take our eyes and hearts off God and onto what everyone else around us is doing, so it's vital that we actively pursue Him and make a relationship with Him a priority.

But what does it look like to seek the Lord? How do we align ourselves with a great and holy God?

We admit, repent and turn.

Admit

When we take an honest assessment about who we are and who God is, we easily recognize that we can't keep up. God is a mighty God, the Creator of all things who existed long before the world was even an idea in His mind. Admitting we are sinners and have offended a holy God puts us in a posture of humility.

Repent

It's about our hearts. Repenting means regretting our sin, turning *away* from it and turning *towards* God. When we say or do things that break God's heart, we acknowledge it, say we're sorry and seek God's generous forgiveness. It's about genuine repentance for what makes us stumble and a desire to cling to God's love.

Turn

After our hearts are cleansed and we're living in God's forgiveness, then we deliberately turn away from that sin and live with a desire to please Him. Turning to God in faith and believing He pardons us in His mercy gives us confidence to approach Him as His child, knowing the

blood of Jesus has covered us and moves us to live like His Son.

Repentance and faith go together. God wants us to walk with Him in a personal relationship through Jesus Christ. In a world that's always shifting, He is the Rock on which we can stand.

Seek the Lord at once; there is no time to waste.

Go

- What are some distractions in the world that keep you from hearing God's voice?
- How can you admit your distractions, repent of any sin and turn towards God?
- Will you let God search your heart and remove anything that keeps you from being like His Son Jesus?

Workout

Deuteronomy 4:19; Proverbs 8:17; Hebrews 11:6

Overtime

“Lord, thank You that You not only seek me out but desire me to come to You and seek You with all my heart. There are so many distractions in this world, Lord; it gets hard to hear Your voice at times. Whisper close to my ear, so I may learn Your voice and let it lead me closer to You. I want my heart tuned to Yours, so I can grow closer to You. In Jesus's name, amen.”

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