

2. After the temple dedication, God appeared to King Solomon and spoke the words of 2 Chronicles 7:14,15. What did He say?
 - a. How might we understand and apply these verses as they relate to us today?

Challenge: Sadly, Solomon did not follow his own advice and began *seeking* elsewhere. Scan the book of Ecclesiastes and record his lament for seeking pleasure outside of God's will for him.

David, The Seeker of God

1. King David is known as the man after God's own heart. The word *seek* is used thirty-nine times in the Psalms, mostly penned by David. Read and underline the word *seek* in the following Psalms.

Psalm 9:10 *And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.*

Psalm 27:4 *One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.*

Psalm 27:8 *When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."*

Psalm 34:10 *The young lions lack and suffer hunger; but those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing.*

Psalm 63:1 *O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where is no water.*

Psalm 105:4 *Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face evermore!*

- a. We can glean much about *seeking* from these verses. List a few of your insights.

Challenge: Record some of the other verses in the Psalms that contain the word *seek*.

God's Word to the Prophets Regarding Seeking

1. Much of God's words to the prophets were those of pleading to His people to return to Him. Although many had rebelled, God called out to them to return to Him. Record His words to each of the prophets below and underline the word *seek*.

Isaiah 55:6

Jeremiah 29:13

Lamentations 3:25 (Jeremiah)

Daniel 9:3

Amos 5:4

Zephaniah 2:3

- a. What did you learn from these verses that you will apply to your life?

Calls in the New Testament to Seek

1. The heart of God for His people to *seek* Him continues to be a theme in the New Testament. Jesus used the word many times. Record the following verses and underline the word *seek*.

Matthew 6:32,33

- a. Jesus' words in Matthew 6 were part of His sermon on the mount. In this sermon, Jesus shook the thinking of many who did not see God as a Person, as a caring God. Read these verses in the context of Matthew 6:25-34. What do you think Jesus wants us to understand?

Matthew 7:7,8

2. According to the following verses, what was Jesus' example of *seeking*?

Luke 19:10

John 5:30

- a. Write a few words reflecting your appreciation of what Jesus chose to *seek*.

3. Jesus was not slack in pointing out the error of *seeking* the wrong things. Underline the words that reflect wrong choices in the following verses.

John 5:44 *How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?*

John 6:26 *Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled."*

Luke 17:33 *Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.*

- a. In what ways do these verses challenge you?

Review:

1. In what ways has this lesson challenged you to *seek the LORD*?

2. What have you personally discovered about *seeking the LORD*?

*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.*

- Hebrews 11:6