



discipleship LIFE NOTES



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Key Scripture/s

Luke 4:1-13
Mark 7:1
Colossians 2:15
Matthew 20:29-30

Key Points

- 2 Types of Communities - Those who want more and those who don't
 - What do you want more of? The Principles of God? Or the Person of God?
- Rejection is one of the greatest enemies to intimacy with God because it denies the sacred voice that calls you loved.
- Hunger in the natural comes from not eating - hunger in the spirit comes from eating
- Help = we feel entitled to what we are crying out for. Mercy = we are asking for something we know we don't deserve

Questions

1. Spend a few moments in His presence asking Him to reveal the difference between walking following the principles of Christ, and walking following the person of Christ. Share your thoughts. Are there any areas of your life where you have walked in principle and you know this needs to change? Share these areas with each other if you would like to and if you feel to, pray for each other.

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2. Discuss rejection. Does God ever reject us? Was your answer from your head or heart? Have you ever, or do you feel rejected by God? Follow His leading if there are people who feel rejected by Him.
3. Do you feel hungry for God? Spend some time asking Him to define what hunger for Him looks like, and share with each other times where God has given you the gift of hunger. How did you steward the gift well? What would you do differently next time?
4. Do you feel that you are His beloved? Do you feel His desire for His Son and therefore, for you? Share with each other testimonies of how He has revealed His love for you. Pray for anybody who doesn't believe they are loved. See what God does.
5. Are you comfortable with mercy? Share with each other what it means to you to need Him. How can we keep our hearts soft to the realisation of our need and therefore, live in humility before Him sustained by the wonder of His mercy in us and through us.

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