

On Your Own

Jesus has given every person on this earth an invitation. He is inviting you to have a personal relationship with Him and to experience the incredible benefits that are in store for those who accept His invitation.

Eternal life is free, but you must first want it and then ask God for it on His terms. When you ask Jesus to be the Lord of your life, you will experience an instant, radical transformation, and your new life with Christ will become life's most significant relationship.

- 1 There are many distractions.
Luke 8:5 – 15

Which example do you relate to? Why?

How can worries and riches and pleasures choke out spiritual desires?

Why is it hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God?

Is anyone beyond God's ability to save?
Matthew 19:23 – 26

- 2 We are justified by faith.
Romans 3:23 – 24

What sins do you often struggle with in your life?

When have you tried to justify one of your sins or tried to rationalize that it was not that bad of a sin. What is the failure of all humans?

What is God's solution?
Romans 3:23 – 24

What do you deserve and what does God give? Romans 5:8

- 3 God saves us through faith.
Romans 10:9
Acts 2:21
1 Corinthians 15:3 – 4

What must you do to be saved?

Why is this such an awesome gift?

How do you receive this righteousness?

- 4 We can keep no secrets from God.
Luke 15:11 – 24

Which character in the parable do you most identify with?

Did the lost son "deserve" the gracious reception from the father?

Does this parallel God's acceptance of you?

- 5 God will change you. No matter what you have done, God can still change you.
Acts 9:1 – 5
1 Timothy 1:13
Galatians 1:23

In what areas of your life has God patiently watched and waited as you continued to turn from Him?

How would you describe your attitude about your own ungodly actions?



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Avoiding God

- I do not need God
- I blame God for adversity
- I do not want to change
- I want to be in control
- I can do it on my own
- I do not have time for the facts

God's free gift

- You must ask
- Permanent transformation

Your life, impacted by Christ

- Radically changed
- No one is too far from God
- Relationally changed
- The best thing for you

A new relationship with God

- Attained through Jesus Christ
- Surrendered to the lordship of Jesus Christ
- Your most significant relationship

Your response to Jesus

- Requires trust
- Not based on feelings
- Not based on formulas

Dear God,

You know everything about me ...

I know I have made mistakes.

Please forgive me.

Come into my life ...

Help me to follow You always.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

If you prayed this prayer, or if you have asked Jesus into your life in the past, you have arrived at salvation through Jesus Christ!!

Discussion Questions

- 1 What are some things that keep you, or have kept you, from an intimate relationship with God?
- 2 How can God radically change your life?

Have you experienced this type of radical change?

What was that change?
- 3 Describe God's compassion for and kindness to you.
- 4 Scriptures
Matthew 10:37 – 39
Matthew 19:16 – 30
Mark 8:31 - 38
Luke 7:38 – 50
Luke 8:4 – 15
Luke 15:11 -24
Acts 2:14 - 21
Acts 8:1
Acts 9:1 – 5
Romans 3:21 - 26
Romans 5:1 - 8
Romans 10:5 - 13
1 Corinthians 15:3 – 4
Philippians 3:9
Galatians 1:23
1 Timothy 1:13
2 Kings 21:11
2 Kings 21:16
2 Chronicles 33:10 - 13