

Personal Study Guide **Part 1 Seeking God**

READ the following introduction then watch the video using pages 2 & 3 to take notes. Use the information on page 4 to dig deeper during the week and page 5 to discuss with a friend.

Introduction – Sometimes “perception” is everything!

- The importance of this study:

“What comes into our minds
when we think about God
is the most important thing about us.”

A.W. Tozer, *Knowledge of the Holy*

“We tend, by a secret law of the soul,
to move toward our mental image of God.”

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Watch Session 1 of The Real God and Take notes below.

• Three facts to consider:

1. God is not _____

Isaiah 40:25-28
Romans 11:33-36

2. Left to ourselves, we tend to _____ God to _____

Romans 1:21-23
Exodus 32:1-6

3. God can only be known as He _____ to us!

Through:

1. _____

Psalm 19:1-2, Romans 1:19-20

2. _____

John 1:1-4, 5:37-40

3. _____

John 1:14-18, Hebrews 1:1-3

- One question for you:
What must I do to see God as He really is?

- Answer:
SEEK HIM

Jeremiah 29:11-14a

- How to Seek God

Proverbs 2:1-5

¹ My son, if you will receive My words
And treasure My commandments within you,

² Make your ear attentive to wisdom,
Incline your heart to understanding;

³ For if you cry for discernment,
Lift your voice for understanding;

⁴ If you seek her as silver
And search for her as for hidden treasures;

⁵ Then you will discern the fear of the Lord
And discover the knowledge of God.

The section below is designed to help you dig deeper into God's longing for you to know Him. The Bible consistently reminds us that those who seek God will find Him.

In his book *Knowing God*, J.I. Packer identified four indicators of knowing God for who he is.

Take a moment to rate yourself for each of these categories

1. Those who know God have great **ENERGY** for God.



2. Those who know God have great **THOUGHTS** of God.



3. Those who know God show great **BOLDNESS** for God.



4. Those who know God have great **CONTENTMENT** in God.



Practical Application:

1. Evaluate your current knowledge of God based on the assessment above.
2. Meditate for two minutes on who God really is each time before you pray this week.

TALK IT OVER

We are better together because God created us for relationships.
Work through the following questions with a friend.

1. Based on your experience, what are some common false beliefs many people have about God? In what ways does our world paint a distorted picture of God?
2. Over the years, how has your view of God changed?
3. In this session, you rated your spiritual life according to the categories below. Pick one of two and share why you chose your rating.

Amount of ENERGY for God
Greatness of THOUGHTS about God
Degree of BOLDNESS for God
Level of CONTENTMENT in God

4. Read Proverbs 2:1-5 below and circle the word or phrase in the passage that is something you need to apply in your own pursuit of God.

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding- indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. Proverbs 2:1-5

What would it look like for you to put that into action in the coming week?
