***Lesson: Godship — Sharing God***

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**From Mike:**

Has there ever been someone you knew about that you had a secret desire to know better and maybe become friends with? Most of us had classmates in high school who were neat people—maybe really popular people—who we wished we could have been friends with, but it just never happened. Maybe we were too shy or maybe we feared rejection, but for whatever reason, they were wish-list friends. That happens a lot through life. We see someone who seems like they would just be fun to know better—but it doesn’t happen. Sure, when I think about getting to be best friends with Denzel Washington or Tom Hanks, who for years have seemed like they would be cool people to know and have as friends, I know it’s not going to happen. I only hope they really are as nice, fun, and good people as they seem to be. They will probably be permanent members of my wish-list friends.

Is God on your wish-list of those you’d like to know and have a relationship with? Don’t be so quick to laugh it off with a smug “Why, of course He is!” If you haven’t been actively seeking a relationship with Him, you don’t have one! He draws near to those who seek Him and work at drawing nearer to Him. Doing church is not a relationship with God! A church family is a support system to help us help one another in our mutual effort to seek after God. It is not the relationship and without a relationship with Him—we are CHURCHING!

The last three weeks we have been looking at the very important steps necessary in having a relationship with God! Not a popular high school student or a famous actor! The God of all creation who loved us so much that He sent His only Son to pay for our sins so that we COULD HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM. It requires (1) seeking—desire & pursuit; (2) serving—pleasing & obeying, and (3) sensing—His presence & His guidance. Today we look at the last step in our building our relationship with God. It is a natural part of every relationship—especially relationships that are built and maintained by love. When you are in a relationship that is important to you—you want others to know about it. Out of love and excitement, you share with others how important, wonderful, and committed you are in that relationship. If you have an honest relationship with God, you’ll share Him.

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