

Part 3

Intimacy with Christ

Message notes:

Jesus delights in you. He _____ you.

There is nothing I can do to make God _____ me; and there is nothing I can do to stop His _____ for me.

We already have the _____ of God—His love for us.

The secret to abiding in His love is _____ Jesus as He obeyed the Father.

Our service should be born out of love, not _____.

Your time with God will be expressed _____ than other people's.

When I disobey God, _____ of His love changes.

Let your relationship be more about _____ the journey with Jesus than performing in the journey.

Additional notes:

John 15:9-10

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now abide in my love. 10 If you obey my commands, you will abide in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love.

Discussion Questions:

What is the difference between God loving and you and Him liking you?

Is there anything you can do to make God love you more? How does it make you feel to know this?

How does your gratitude for God’s love impact the way that you treat other people?

What is the difference between obeying God out of performance or obeying Him out of love? Why is this important?

What do we miss out on when we don’t follow the Father?

What helps you connect the best with the Father? What is the danger in trying to force ourselves to connect with God in only certain ways?

What would change in your relationship with God if you stopped trying to perform to earn His acceptance?

Ministry Time Questions:

Is anyone struggling under the weights of duty or performance with the Father?

Do you feel that you have an intimacy in your relationship with the Father?