



Part 1: The Pathway of Enlightenment

Part 2: The Desert of Discovery

Part 3: The Forest of Forgiveness

Part 4: The Caves of Commitment

*** Matthew 7:7-8 & Luke 11:9-10 ***

INTRODUCTION – A CALL INTO THE DARK

Jeremiah 29:11-13

Matthew 6:33

Hebrews 11:6

GETTING OFF THE BEATEN PATH

Matthew 7:13-14

SOCRATES – THE QUESTIONING SEEKER

Proverbs 8:17; 14:6

SAUL/PAUL – THE RELUCTANT SEEKER

Acts 9:1-22

Isaiah 65:1

Psalm 78:34

Romans 3:10-12; 8:7-8

John 6:44

JACOB – THE WRESTLING SEEKER

Genesis 32:24-30

Luke 11:5-8

CONCLUSION – THE ULTIMATE SEEKER

Genesis 3:8-10

Luke 19:10

Home Church Questions...

1. WARM UPS: a) When you're lost, are you likely to stop and ask directions, or drive around until you eventually find your way? b) Are you more likely to trust someone until proven wrong, or distrust until they prove themselves right? c) How might these traits positively or negatively effect you're your search for God?
2. The fact that you're here indicates some measure of faith within you, but what type of faith is a different issue. Where are you in your spiritual journey: a) Seeking more of God from a point of committed faith? b) Seeking stability in God from a point of wavering faith? c) Seeking answers in God from a point of sceptical faith? d) Seeking comfort in God from the point of troubled faith? ...Can you explain further?
2. What one question do you most look forward to having answered by participating in this series?
3. After using your notes to review Sunday's message, share the one thing that most inspired, challenged, or perplexed you.
4. Read our theme verse in **Luke 11:9-10**.
 - a) What exactly is God saying we should ask, seek, and knock for? (Read the following verses.)
 - b) What do the preceding verses (verses 5-8) teach us about what we should expect as spiritual seekers?
 - c) How does **Acts 5:32** influence your understanding about what it means to ask, seek, and knock?
 - d) Are you willing to act upon what you discover?
5. SPECIAL BONUS QUESTION – NO EXTRA CHARGE!
How do the verses just before **Luke 11:9-10** support the theory that God wants his people to wrestle with him rather than wait to be spoon fed? Can you think of an example?