



Part 1: The Pathway of Enlightenment

Part 2: The Desert of Discovery

Part 3: The Forrest of Forgiveness

Part 4: The Caverns of Commitment

INTRODUCTION – PEOPLE PLEASERS ANONYMOUS

Galatians 1:10

Don't pretend to _____ in order to _____!

KIERKEGAARD – AN IRRELIGIOUS SEEKER

Psalms 27:4

Church is a place for spiritual _____.

THE RICH RULER – A DISAPPOINTED SEEKER

Luke 18:18-30

Proverbs 19:22

God prioritizes our _____ over our _____.

THE HIGH COST OF A FREE GIFT

Luke 14:26-28

When Jesus is loved first, everyone else is loved _____.

NICODEMUS – A RELIGIOUS SEEKER

John 3:1-21

THREE OBJECTIONS – BUT, BUT, BUT!...

1) But I have _____ Proverbs 3:5-6

2) But church is a _____.

3) But a lot of Christians are _____.

CONCLUSION – TAKING THE LEAP OF FAITH

Matthew 11:28-30

John 7:17

Home Church Questions...

1. After using your notes to review Sunday's message, share the one thing that most inspired, challenged, or perplexed you.
Read John 3:1-21 for questions 2-4.
2. Using the analogy of birth and spiritual development, what stage of spiritual growth do you see yourself at, at this point in your life... a) A pre-born spiritual fetus? b) A newborn? c) A struggling toddler? d) A questioning teenager? e) A healthy adult? f) Experiencing a spiritual mid-life crisis? g) Other?
3. How is the religious 'philosophy' of Nicodemus different to the spiritual 'philosophy' of Jesus? List as many ways as you can.
4. In what ways are we in danger of being more 'religious' than 'spiritual' in our churches today?
5. If a non-believer said to you "I can't believe in a God who sends people to hell", how would you answer them in light of vs. 18 & 36?
6. What is the single most important lesson you have been able to apply during this series?

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