

# GOD QUESTING

## PART 1: THE FELLOWSHIP OF FIDELITY

### Introduction – Setting Out From Rivendell

*The Astounding Gospel:* Jesus came to \_\_\_\_\_ the rules!

Jeremiah 29:13; Matthew 7:7; Luke 11:9

### Addiction & Adultery – Bonding With Lesser gods

Isaiah 54:5; Jeremiah 3:14; Ezekiel 16; Hosea 2:19;  
Romans 7:1-6; 1 Corinthians 6:16-17; 2 Corinthians 11:2;  
Ephesians 5:22-33; Revelation 19:7; 21:9

You were built for \_\_\_\_\_.

John 15:1-11; 17:3, 20-21

Turn all conviction into \_\_\_\_\_.

Jeremiah 2:13

**ADDICTION:** A \_\_\_\_\_ quest for a genuine connection.

### Repentance – Putting First Things First

Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:15; Acts 2:37-38

**REPENTANCE:** a \_\_\_\_\_ in mind; a \_\_\_\_\_ in direction; a \_\_\_\_\_ of one course of action in favour of another.

### Conclusion – Moving From Conviction To Conduct

ISSUES  
(Sins, Temptations, Addictions)

ACTIONS

#### Recommendations For Further Study...

TAPES... Searching For Significance; Intimacy With The Almighty;  
Experiencing The Almighty; Discovering Your Destiny; Maximizing Me  
BOOKS... Sacred Quest (Doug Banister); A Hunger For The Holy (Calvin Miller)

### HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

#### WARMING UP...

1. If you're a *LORD OF THE RINGS* fan (and hey, who isn't?!), share what member of the Fellowship you feel most like in your spiritual life and why.
2. What are you most looking forward to seeing change in your spiritual life over the next few weeks? How committed would you say that you are to partnering with God to help bring this change about?
3. After briefly reviewing this week's message, share one thing that most challenged, puzzled, or encouraged you.

#### LOOK TO THE BOOK...

4. Read carefully through **Psalm 42** where the author(s) talks about his emotional turmoil and burning desire to experience God intimately. a) What verse or phrase stands out to you the most? Why? b) Have you ever experienced the sense of abandonment by or disappointment with God? How so? c) How does the writer counteract his emotional turmoil to move his soul toward God? d) What is the closest you have come to experiencing the kind of deep engulfing intimacy with God that is described in **v. 7**?
5. Read **Psalm 51**, written by David to express his repentant heart after having his adultery exposed. a) What verse or phrase stands out to you the most? Why? b) What affirmations about God does David base his request for forgiveness upon? c) As part of his repentance, does David make any excuses for his sin? (See **vv. 3-4**.) d) How complete does David anticipate God's forgiveness and restoration will be? (See **vv. 12-15**.) What are the experiential signs that David anticipates seeing in his life as God restores him spiritually? e) What is the most important lesson you need to take away from this Psalm?

#### SO WHAT?...

6. Read **1 Peter 2:1-3**. a) Which of these types of sins do you most need to repent of in order to make your relationship with God a priority? Malice (hurtful, selfish behaviour)? Deceit (the tendency to use lying to protect your image)? Hypocrisy (learning without applying; focusing on appearance without striving for inner change)? Envy (focusing on what others have that you do not)? Slander (tending toward a negative view of others and/or being needlessly critical of others)? b) How does **v. 2** hold out the promise of fresh beginnings and acceptance by God? c) What aspect of God, according to **v. 3**, should motivate our desire to change?
7. Take time to allow for personal prayers of repentance if anyone would like to do so.
8. Pray for each other regarding your spiritual growth during this God Questing series.

#### HOMEWORK...

9. Set aside time this week to meditate on **Psalm 23** and to ask God for an experience of similar intimacy with him.

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