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Now Playing: **BRUCE ALMIGHTY (Part 2)**

Introduction - Becoming Like Our God-Concept

Titus 1:15; Romans 8:29; Revelation 21:3; Acts 8:29

Making Room In Our Lives For God

MOTIVATING OUR HEARTS...

Hebrews 11:6

- #1. Acknowledge God's _____.
- #2. Acknowledge God's _____.
- #3. Acknowledge God's _____.

RENEWING OUR MINDS...

Romans 8:1-10; Galatians 5:25

Practicing "G. C. L." (G _____ C _____ L _____)

God is "hiding" just enough to make your love for him completely _____.

Prayer - God's Way Of Keeping It Real

John 15:7, 16

*** *If we are assured that something is God's will enough to _____ for it, then we should be assured enough to _____ for it.*

Ephesians 3:12; Hebrews 4:16; 1 John 3:21-22
Colossians 4:2-4, 12

Conclusion - This Week's Assignment:

Accepting God's Invitation To Friendship

Colossians 4:2-4

1. Get a *take-everywhere-with-you* notebook.
2. Write down prayer ideas as they come to you.
3. Make your requests specific enough so you'll know if they actually get answered.
4. Consider the quality and focus of your requests... is there a self-serving pattern?
5. Pray daily and see what happens.

Recommendations For Further Study...

TAPES... *Maximizing Me; God Questing; Discovering Your Destiny*

BOOKS... *Hearing God (by Dallas Willard); Wasting Time With God (by Klaus Issler)*

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. Explore and discuss any or all of these quotes: **a)** Klaus Issler: *A close friendship with God is not just a lofty ideal but a distinct reality for those who wish to seek it.* **b)** Simon Chan: *Petition makes perfectly good sense when it is understood in the context of friendship, not in the context of physical cause and effect. Real asking, giving and receiving are deep interchanges between friends.* **c)** John R. Rice: *The outside, unbelieving world expects to get things solely by working or by planning or by accident; but God's children are taught that they are to get things by asking and that the reason we do not have is because we do not ask.*
2. Were you intentional about increasing your sensitivity to God's leading in your life this past week in light of our Philip prayer last Sunday? If so, what has been your experience?
3. Take time to review this week's message and discuss your reactions. Talk about what most challenged, puzzled, or encouraged you.

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

4. The prophet Elijah was discouraged and in hiding from his persecutors and feeling like he was the only God-loving man left alive. Read about how God spoke to him in **1 Kings 19:9-13**. **a)** Why do you think God who is all-knowing would open up his conversation with Elijah with a question (**v. 9**)? What, if anything, does this tell us about God? **b)** What else can we learn about God by the way he does and does not manifest himself to Elijah in **vv. 11-12**? **c)** What transferrable lessons could there be here for our lives with God today? **d)** How, if at all, do you sense God speaking to you in your life? **e)** God told Elijah that he was mistaken about being the only faithful follower left alive (see **vv. 15-18**). What kind of misguided thoughts does God's word (**v. 9**) most often challenge in you?

SO WHAT?...

5. Take a few moments (2-3 minutes) to meditate on **John 17:3** as it applies to *your* life. (If you like, after meditating share any new insights or old reminders that have come to mind.)
6. Read **Colossians 4:2-4** and make it a base pattern for a time of prayer about the ministry of *The Meeting House*.

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