

YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD



Over the past five weeks we have been learning about building relationships. This week, to wrap it all up, we focus on our relationship with God. We will take a look at how God's design for our relationships with each other is modeled after how He desires to relate to us.

- Going through the R.A.M., Jason shows us that we will feel something in us that will spur us into wanting to get to KNOW God. Can you describe such an experience in your own life?
- In John 14:5-6, Jesus explained that He is "The Way" to God; to know God and get close to Him is through Jesus. Have you ever felt like Thomas, doubting or wondering if you know the way?
- Later on, Thomas stated that he wouldn't believe or TRUST that Jesus was back until he saw and felt it for himself. And Jesus delivered on that, meeting Thomas where he was in order to get him to trust Jesus at His word. Have you ever needed, like Thomas did, just a little bit more proof from Jesus to trust in Him?
- There is a difference between trusting and relying on God. Relying on God is a deeper level of the relationship. When Jesus returned to the disciples, after rising again, He met with them and showed them, allowing Thomas to touch His hands. Jesus was demonstrating to Thomas, you cannot only trust me, but you can also RELY on me that what I say will come to pass. You can put your faith in me. Have you had experiences where you felt God was making Himself known to you, giving you that proof you can rely on Him?
- Once Jesus met Thomas where he was and went the extra mile to show Thomas that He is who He claimed to be the whole time, Thomas COMMITTED himself to Jesus. It was undeniable who Jesus truly is.
- Read **Romans 10:9**.
- Have you ever taken the next step to commit yourself to Jesus?
- When we have put our faith in the cross and the work Jesus completed, we physically (TOUCH) express our faith through baptism. The physical act says, "I have committed my life to following Jesus."

APPLICATION

Have you seen yourself engage in each area of the R.A.M. with God? Spend a few minutes thinking through each STEP, assessing where you are in relation to God.

- Do you KNOW God?
- Do you TRUST God?
- Do you RELY on God?
- Have you COMMITTED to God?
- Have you engaged in the TOUCH of baptism?

