

***He is God and We Are Not* by Ray Pritchard**  
**Session Four: What You Seek You Find**  
**Good Questions: These Lessons Have Groups Talking**  
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**Lesson Four: What You Seek You Find**

**Accountability**

- What three fellowships do we have planned for the next 3 months?
- What have you read in your quiet time recently that has warmed your heart?
- Has anyone had a spiritually significant conversation with an outsider in recent days?<sup>1</sup>

**OPEN**

- Let's share our name and your favorite fruit.

**DIG**

1. Let's read the passages in the margin on pages 109 - 110. Circle the word "seek" each time it appears.
2. How do you seek God? What does it mean to seek God? Be very specific and practical. Say you had a day off with nothing to do. Imagine you said to yourself, "Today, I will seek God." What would you do next?
3. How do you seek God in the real world—the world with jobs and kids and leaky faucets and bills to pay?
4. There is a rather shocking statement on the last paragraph on page 110— the one that contains the line, "Most of us are about as close to God as we want to be." Let me ask you, "Are you as close to God as you want to be?"
5. Someone read that paragraph in its entirety. Do you agree? Is this true?
6. "You have as much joy as you want." Is that true?
7. Suppose you want more joy in God. How do you get it?
8. Day 2. Page 110ff. This lesson contains three things that keep us from seeking and finding God. What are they?
9. True confession time: describe one time when you were guilty of self-pity.
10. What is the opposite of self pity?<sup>2</sup>
11. What progress can be made in our lives without taking responsibility?
12. You may have never thought of, "I am trying." as an excuse. What does he mean by this?
13. The third excuse is about change. Speaking of change, how many Baptists does it take to change a light bulb?<sup>3</sup>
14. T or F: you can't live the abundant Christian life without change.

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<sup>1</sup>You might cycle through these questions, asking a different one each week.

<sup>2</sup>Taking responsibility for your life.

<sup>3</sup>Answer one: five. One to actually change it, and four to reminisce about how great the old light bulb was.

Answer two: CHANGE?!!!! Who said something change? You are going to change what?!!!

15. T or F: a church full of dedicated, growing Christians will be a changing church.
16. What keeps us from change?
17. What are the benefits of embracing change?
18. Day 3. Page 112ff. Someone read Galatians 5:19 - 26 out loud. As they do, listen for how many marks of the sinful nature you can recall and how many fruit of the spirit you can remember.<sup>4</sup>
19. Someone read the paragraph on 113 that begins, "The crucial insight is this." How can small choices lead is toward or away from love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control? See if you can think of a real live example?<sup>5</sup>
20. Day 5. Page 115ff. Find and list the five steps to developing a God-seeking heart.
21. Let me draw your attention to step three: surround yourself with God-seeking people. Is this easy or hard?
22. Why is it important that we surround ourselves with God-seeking people?
23. Is it possible to be around God-seeking people, but it doesn't make that much difference in our lives because the subject of spiritual things just doesn't come up?
24. How can we relate to one another in a way where we mutually encourage each other to seek God?
25. Days three and four mentioned tiny steps. What is one tiny step you can take toward a more God-seeking heart?
26. How can we pray for one another this week?

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<sup>4</sup>The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; [20] idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions [21] and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

[22] But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. [24] Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. [25] Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. [26] Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other. Galatians 5:19-26 [NIV]

<sup>5</sup>The key to asking good questions is in the pace. Some questions, like this one, need to be asked slowly, and allow people plenty of time to think before they answer. Sometimes I will say, "Don't be uncomfortable in the silence; let's think about it and see if we can come up with an example."