

Sermon Notes

MORE OF GOD

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No matter what we believe about the problems and solutions of the world around us there is something that remains true of all of us: “we need MORE OF GOD.” Having less of His love, power, mercy, and grace simply will not do in the hour we are living. God wants to pour out His presence into our lives in a greater measure and it is important that we align ourselves with this simple and yet profound truth – we need more. As we look at various passages, we will see how this is not only a need but a vision for the people of God as well.

Psalm 63:1 – *O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.*

Ephesians 3:14-19 – *For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.*

WE MUST DESIRE MORE OF GOD

1 John 4:10 (MSG) – *This is the kind of love we are talking about—not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they’ve done to our relationship with God.*

Luke 19:10 (NIV) – *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.*

WE MUST DECIDE TO HAVE MORE OF GOD

Matthew 16:24 – *Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.”*

WE MUST GUARD AGAINST THINGS THAT WILL STEAL THE MORE OF GOD

1. Guard against SIN

Psalm 63:1 – *O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.*

Matthew 5:29-30 – *If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. If your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell.*

2. Guard against DISTRACTIONS

Ephesians 5:15-18 – *Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit.*

Matthew 6:6 – *But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you long for more of God in your life right now? How would you describe this?
2. What decisions do you need to make in order to make room for more of God?
3. What do you need to guard against in your life so you can have more of God?