

7 October 2025: Day of Prayer and Fasting: Seeking God's heart.

How are you responding to the often repeated biblical encouragement 'to seek God'? Take the opportunity of this day to fast and pray and earnestly seek God - what does He want to show you of His heart today? In 1 Chron 16:11 is the commandment to '*seek his face always*'. God delights to be pursued. He wants to be found. That is why He instructs us in His Word how to seek Him.

We can continue to grow in intimacy with each of the persons of God - the Father, Jesus and Holy Spirit... and God rewards those who seek Him by faith (Heb 11:6). Even after becoming a Christian and 'finding God' we need to keep seeking Him and deepening our relationship and knowledge of His character, his heart and passions.

"Seek God's face, not His hand" is a call to prioritize an intimate, personal relationship with God over merely seeking what He can do for you, the blessings, provisions, or answers to prayers from Him. Seeking God's face means desiring to know His character, presence, and truth for who He is, leading to transformation and true connection.

Prayer: Lord, I seek you with all my heart, fill my heart with your love and presence.

The below verses reflect this '*seeking God*' theme and so please read and meditate on each to see what God may reveal. Try reading each aloud and putting the verse into a prayer, applying it as appropriate to your situation, your family, our church family and its ministries.

Deuteronomy 4:29	Isaiah 55:6-7
1 Chronicles 16:10-11	Jeremiah 29:13
1 Chronicles 22:19	Hosea 5:15, 10:12
Psalms 27:8	Zeph 2:3
Psalms 40:16	Luke 11:9-10
Psalms 119:2	Hebrews 11:6

Prayer points:

- Ask God to increase your desire to seek Him
- Pray for someone you know and love that God would move them to seek Him
- Ask God for a heart that seeks Him, to seek His face and not just his hands
- Ask to enjoy deeper intimacy with God, to know His heart
- Ask for your heart to be softened, to be responsive to God's heart, to have your heart broken by the things that break the heart of God.
- Pray for deeper intimacy with any person of the Godhead that you don't feel close to. Ask God to reveal that person to you - be open to revelation.