

Deeper Life

Matthew 13:23

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Sowing The Seed

1. Think back to your childhood. Was there an adult that you had a special relationship with (eg. parent, grandparent, teacher)? _____
2. Describe a time with them that stands out as a time that you bonded together. This may be something that seems as simple as getting a soda together, or it may be a major life event. _____

3. Have you ever had a special time with God that leaves you with that same feeling of being loved? _____

Sending Down Roots

4. Many people see God as just someone who has a list of rules for us to obey, but that is not the case at all. Read John 14:23. What is Jesus offering in this passage? _____
5. Now read Rev. 3:20 in light of this offer of a love relationship. What image do you get in mind as you hear him say he wants to come in and eat with you? _____
6. This idea of relationship does not mean that we can ignore God's laws. What does John 14:23 say that we will do if we love Him? _____

7. How would our love for God affect our obedience to God? _____

8. Read Luke 7:36-50. Have you ever had a moment like this woman in the story whose love for Jesus so overwhelmed her that she needed to do something to show her love? _____

9. Love goes beyond just following rules. Love says show me how my life can bring pleasure to you. Do you love Him enough to truly seek to know and do His will? _____

Producing Fruit

10. This kind of love does not just happen. Read 1 John 4:19. Why does this verse say we can really love God? _____

11. Like the woman who washed Jesus' feet, this love comes as we realize that God loved us enough to send His Son to die for our sins that we might be forgiven. When was the last time you stopped and thought about this? _____

12. This kind of love relationship also is developed as we spend time with God. Read Luke 10:38-42. How often like Mary do you sit at His feet and just listen? _____

13. One thing that will hinder this relationship is for us to choose to disobey His will for our lives. I urge you today to choose to seek to know and do the will of God so that you can discover the true joy of a love relationship with God.