

STUDY 4: SEARCHING FOR GOD. Jeremiah and Luke.

Jeremiah 29 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Luke 11 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Debrief Together:

1. In the Jeremiah passage, what are the promises for those who seek after God?
2. In the Luke passage, what are the promises for those who seek, ask and knock in their search for God?
3. What do you think God means by "seek me with all your heart?" What does it mean for you to seek God with all your heart?
4. What do you think Jesus means when he says that the Father will "give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"
5. If you could find the answer to one question that would help you take a step of faith towards Jesus, what would it be?

Going Deeper:

The Bible makes this bold promise in James chapter 4. "*8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.*" What the promise means, in essence, is that you are as close to God as you want to be. There is nothing on God's end standing between you.

- How have you experienced God drawing near to you as you've been searching for him?
- What is a next step for you to draw near to God? Would you consider going to an Intersivity retreat?

SUMMARY: Seeking God is a common thread that stretches throughout the entire Bible, from beginning to end. The promise to those who seek God is the same in the Old Testament as it is in the New Testament. Jesus came to embody the fulfillment to that promise: that all who seek God will find the Him.