

Study Questions for Sermon “Scripture: The Foundation for Our Relationship with God”

What do you think about the Amplified Bible’s version of Philippians 3:8, “knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, and of progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him...”? What does it mean for you personally?

Many people run into some characteristic of God that doesn't seem convenient with their lifestyle, or, perhaps, conflicts with society. When this happens they revise their idea of God. Have you ever found yourself doing that?

Tell about a truth about God that caused you to realize you didn't have a Biblical view of God? Why is reading, studying, and meditating on the Word so necessary to our relationship with God?

Considering that God’s Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path (Psalm 119:105), how does 1 John 1:6 (“If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth”) pertain to us in our relationship with God?

In the context of Ephesians 6:14 (“Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth...”), Tom quoted Steve Fry: “You ‘belt yourself with truth’ when you fortify yourself with Scripture about God’s character.” What does that mean practically for you?

Do you see God's mercy as new every day, or have you become complacent about His mercy?

Tom said that one of his favorite attributes of God is that He is slow to anger. Can you tell why, specifically, that God being slow to anger is a comfort for you?

Tom talked about God telling the Old Testament prophet Hosea to marry a harlot. It was to demonstrate to His people that even when they strayed, He was still faithful. And just like the Lord demonstrated to His people through the prophet Hosea, God is faithful even when we are not. 2 Timothy 2:13. “If we are faithless, he remains faithful...” What does that amazing faithfulness of God mean to you in your life?

Do you always base your subjective relationship with God on your objective relationship with Him?

Why is it important that a close relationship, especially our relationship with God, be based on truth?