### SEEK GOD, NOT SIN | ESSENTIAL, PART 1 WAVE CHURCH SD | SEPT. 13, 2020

**John 10:10 (ESV)** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have **life** and have it abundantly.

#### SEEK GOD, NOT SIN

**Matthew 6:33 (ESV)** But **seek** first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

#### SEEKING GOD IS WHERE ABUNDANT LIFE IS FOUND

**Amos 5:4 (ESV)** Seek me that you may live.

**Hebrews 11:6 (ESV)** And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

#### **GOD REWARDS THOSE WHO SEEK**

**Jeremiah 29:13-14 (ESV)** <sup>13</sup> You will seek me and find me, when you **seek me** with all your heart. <sup>14</sup> I will be found by you, declares the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

#### **HOW DO WE SEEK GOD?**

# MAKE A <u>CONSCIOUS CHOICE</u> TO FOCUS OUR MINDS AND HEARTS ON GOD

**1 Chronicles 22:19 (ESV)** Now set your mind and heart to seek the LORD your God.

**Colossians 3:1-2 (ESV)** If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

#### **AVOID DISTRACTIONS**

**Matthew 4:17 (ESV)** From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Repent | μ**ετανοέω** | to change one's mind, to turn, to change directions

- EXCUSES
- ➢ HURRIEDNESS | A RELENTLESS NEED TO DO
- SPIRITUALLY DULLING ACTIVITIES

#### LIVE YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE, NOT SOMEONE ELSE'S

#### **HUMILITY IS ESSENTIAL**

**Psalm 10:4 (ESV)** In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him; all his thoughts are, "There is no God."

**1 Peter 5:5-7 (NLT)** <sup>5</sup> "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." <sup>6</sup> So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. <sup>7</sup> Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

**Isaiah 55:6-7 (ESV)** <sup>6</sup> "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

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