



▶ ReView

Cheryl talked about searching for truth in other religions. Have you explored other religions or philosophies for truth? In what ways did those other belief systems fail to satisfy you?

Katina talked about her church activity substituting for a relationship with God. Can you relate to that? When have you allowed your service for God to substitute for a connection with God?

▶ Bible Exploration

Song of Solomon 1:1-4: What did Lisa Harper tell us about the context of these verses? Who is speaking? Who are they speaking to and about? How do you picture this scene? Where do you think this conversation is happening? Describe Shulamith's behavior and actions.

Mark 10:13-16: How do you picture this scene? What are the children doing? How is Jesus interacting with them? How are people who are watching the scene reacting?

How have you interpreted Jesus' statement about receiving the kingdom "like a little child"? What does He mean?

Remembering your first time "coming to Jesus," did you come to Him with the exuberance of a child? Do you still come to Him that way?

2 Samuel 6:12-16; 20-23: How do you picture this scene? What does this procession look like? How is David described?

David's first wife, Michal, saw David dancing from her window. What was her reaction? Why might she have felt this way?

Summarize what Michal said to David in your own words. How does David respond to her criticism?

Have you ever felt the kind of enthusiasm for the Lord that David expressed in his dancing? How do you express your enthusiasm?

Have you ever experienced the kind of criticism like Michal expressed because of your enthusiasm? Have you, perhaps, even criticized someone in the same way—either aloud or within your heart?



Luke 7:36–50: How do you picture this scene? What does the woman’s face look like? How does she move and act? How does Jesus look and act in response to her? What are the reactions of those sitting around them?

How does Jesus contrast the woman’s actions toward Him with His host’s actions toward Him? What do their actions demonstrate about their love for Jesus?

Looking back at the enthusiasm Shulamith shows toward Solomon in chapter 1, does it seem appropriate to be so demonstrative—or “aggressive,” as Lisa describes it—in showing our love toward God? How do you think God reacts to someone expressing love for Him this way?

Psalm 63: Make a list of the action words David uses to describe his feelings toward God.

Which of these words describe your relationship with God, either in the past or right now? Which words do you most want to describe your feelings toward God?

Choose one verse from Psalm 63 to be your motivational verse for this week. Write it down on a card and think of a place to keep it where you will see it frequently. As you consider your chosen verse this week, ask God to fill you with greater and greater love for Him.

▶ Deeper Walk

Select at least one activity below to complete during the next week.

- **Memorization:** Memorize Psalm 63. Meditate on the loving relationship it describes between the speaker and God, and ask God to create that kind of relationship with you.
- **Conversation:** Think of someone you know who seems to feel genuine love and joy in her relationship with God. Ask that person to meet you for coffee, lunch, or a walk and pick her brain about how she grew into this kind of relationship.
- **Journal:** Reflect in writing about the current state of your relationship with God. Are you deeply in love with Christ? How comfortable are you with the idea of loving God that way? What changes would you like to see in your relationship with God?
- **Read:** *The Pursuit of God*, by A.W. Tozer.
- **Pray:** Begin praying for God to fill you with a passionate love for Himself.