



► ReView

What do you think of Christian's Bible study group rejecting her after her breakup? It is an awkward situation. How do you think that could have been handled better?

Lisa Harper described how the delight of flying in an airplane had turned to drudgery. What in your life once brought you joy but later became a burden?

Can you relate to Inetta's conviction that her family spends too much time on other things and doesn't put God first? What are the things in your life that get in the way of time with God?

► Bible Exploration

Song of Solomon 5:2-16: What is Solomon doing as he knocks at the door and how does he react to her rejection? What is her body language like? The tone of her voice? How is this scene different from the one in chapter 3 when Shulamith goes looking for Solomon?

How does the end of the chapter demonstrate her change of heart that happened in verse 4?

Song of Solomon 6:1-9: How does Solomon respond to Shulamith's seeking him out?

Psalms 32:3-5: Like David's sinful act with Bathsheba, how does sin cause spiritual apathy in our lives?

1 Timothy 6:10: How can materialism cause us to wander from our faith?

James 1:5-8: What must we do when we ask God for wisdom? What are we supposed to believe? What does it say about the person who doubts?

When in your life has your doubt of God's grace and faithfulness led to apathy toward Him?

James 4:4-8: What can stand in the way of our relationship with God? What specific instruction do we get for how to remain close to God?



Song of Solomon 6:5-8, 10-16: What two things did Shulamith do when she recognized her neglect of her relationship with Solomon?

Psalm 100: What specific actions does the psalmist tell us to do that demonstrate our seeking after God? How can we do these things? What other specific, concrete habits can you nurture in your life that will help you continually seek after God?

What specific actions does the psalmist prescribe that lead us to celebrate God? What would this look like in your life? What other specific, concrete habits can we nurture in our lives that will help us continually celebrate God?

List words from the psalm that describe the attitude we should have in our seeking and celebrating. How can you increase the joy factor in your worship of God?

▶ Deeper Walk

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

- **Memorization:** Memorize Psalm 100 this week and use it as a daily prayer of praise and thanksgiving to God.
- **Conversation:** Challenge a friend or group of friends that you are spending time with this week to each share at least ten ways they see God working in their lives right now. Celebrate together our God who is good and whose love endures forever!
- **Journal:** Apply Lisa's friend's advice to "give me ten." Every day, make a list of ten things you love about Christ. See how long you can keep this up, and see what a difference it makes in your daily love for Him.
- **Read:** There are several classic children's books on the theme of being loved unconditionally. Find a copy of one (or all!) of these books and read it, meditating on Christ's unconditional love for you, even when you are weak in your love for Him.
 - The Runaway Bunny*, by Margaret Wise Brown.
 - Guess How Much I Love You*, by Sam McBratney.
 - Mama, Do You Love Me?*, by Barbara M. Joesse.
 - Just in Case You Ever Wonder*, by Max Lucado.
- **Pray:** Ask God to forgive any lethargy in your heart toward Him and to point out to you where that lethargy is rooted. Stop frequently throughout each day to pause and thank God for the ways you see Him at work in your life.