

**Sunday, 25 August 2024**

**For Christ - Intimacy with God**

What God desires most is an intimate relationship with you. It is from living close to God that we can live for Christ.

1 God wants you to draw near to Him – James 4:8

1.1 God very much desires an intimate relationship with you - James 4:5

1.2 Some think it is not possible to have intimacy with God any longer - James 4:1-8

1.3 Having an intimate relationship with God is our choice – Exodus 3:3-4

2 How can we draw near to God?

2.1 By having a desire to draw close to God – Psalm 27:4

2.2 By spending time with God - Psalm 63:1-5

3 God desires intimacy with us because He knows it will change our lives and enable us to live for Christ.

3.1 Intimacy with God removes what displeased God from our lives - James 4:8

3.2 Intimacy with God helps us to follow Jesus – John 10:1-6

3.3 Intimacy with God turns our life around and puts us on the right path – Luke 24:15, 32-33

3.4 Intimacy with God gives us the boldness to tell others about Jesus – Acts 4:13

Conclusion: We live for Christ by developing an intimate relationship with God. We draw near to God through our desires and spending time with Him. When we draw near to Him, He begins to work in our lives, enabling us to live for Christ.

Discussion Questions:

Based on the sermon today, what does God desire and why?