

Losing religion, finding relationship.

Enjoying the Journey of Relationship with Jesus

We have a reliable Guide who will always lead us to our destination, which is ultimately His presence. If we want to enjoy the journey of relationship, let's discover more about this Guide and why He must be our constant source of direction.

What do the following verses tell you about the Word of God?

Hebrews 4:12

John 1:1, 14

John 5:39-40

Jesus, the living word, is our trustworthy, faithful Guide. He is the One who leads and directs us by His Word and His presence. Scripture is our connection to Him. The Bible is not simply ink on paper, but the living, active Word of God. It's our source for knowing and following Jesus. We don't read scripture to know *about* God, but to *know* Him in relationship, to know His ways and learn to follow Him as our reliable Guide. We can never really *know* Jesus without knowing His word.

Psalm 43:3-4 *Send forth your light and your truth; let them guide me. Let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell. Then I will go to the alter of God, to God, my joy and my delight.*

What does the psalmist ask the Lord to send forth, and for what purpose?

To where does the psalmist ask to be guided?

What are the results of arriving at this destination?

What further insight do you receive from Psalm 16:11?

What promises do you see in these words?

How is God's word is described in the following verses?

Psalm 119:105

Psalm 119:130

Proverbs 6:23

What to these verses tell you about the nature of Jesus?

John 8:12

John 1:4

Psalm 27:1

2 Samuel 22:29

Knowing that Jesus is the Word made flesh, what do these verses tell you about the nature and character of Jesus? Record connections you see between Jesus, the truth, and the word of God.

John 14:6

John 17:17

John 8:31-32

John 18:37

Read Mark 6:34. Why did Jesus teach the people?

Have you ever viewed Jesus' teachings as a demonstration of compassion? Describe a time in your life when His words to you were a display of His compassion toward you.

Read Romans 15:4. Why were the scriptures written?

What 2 benefits should we receive from teaching?

What is the intended result of receiving teaching from Jesus?

God's word is intended to teach us, to fill us with the endurance and courage we need to maintain hope in Him as we walk with Him. God's words to us are our lifeline to Him.

Psalm 32:8-9 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with my eye. Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come near you.

How does God say He will guide us, and what does that suggest to you?

If we not to follow Him like a mule, how do you think He wants us to follow Him?

In what areas of your life do you need God's guidance? Knowing that He desires to teach you and lead you, use the following verses to write your own prayer to God, asking Him to lead you in those specific areas where you need His direction. What do you think He wants to teach you in the process, as He guides you with His eyes?

Psalm 25:4-5

Psalm 86:11

Proverbs 4:20-27

