

Section A: Who are your confidantes?

1. How many confidants¹ do you have? 1 / 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 / 7
2. Name your confidants
3. Is your wife on the above list? If not, why not?
4. Are there some things in your life that your wife does not know?
 - a. Have you share these things with God? If not, why not?
 - b. If you had, then what are God's perspectives on these things?

Section B: How do you relate to God?

5. Rank the following in the order of how you CURRENTLY relate to God
from the most to the least predominant relationship

Creator

Distant Deity

Confidant

Saviour

Master

Fairy Godmother

Judge

Others (please specify)

¹ Confidant: A person with whom one shares secrets or private matters (a) knowing that he would not think less of you and (b) trusting him not to repeat these secrets to others

6. Rate the following statements with respect to your life

	← Little		Much →	
	1	2	4	5
a. I desire intimacy with God.	1	2	4	5
b. I am deeply connected with God.	1	2	4	5
c. I often experience God’s presence in my life.	1	2	4	5
d. I envy people who have had close encounters with God.	1	2	4	5
e. I take intentional steps toward God.	1	2	4	5
f. I consciously rely on God in all that I do.	1	2	4	5
g. I desire to serve God.	1	2	4	5
h. I feel inferior to people who shared how God answered their prayers.	1	2	4	5
i. I attend events so as to experience closeness with God.	1	2	4	5
j. I put God first in all that I do.	1	2	4	5
k. I am faithful in spending time with God.	1	2	4	5
l. I am awe by God’s splendor and majesty.	1	2	4	5
m. I tell God my thoughts and feelings.	1	2	4	5
n. God is all that I need in life.	1	2	4	5

Reflect on the above - What is the state of your relationship with God?

7. Scriptures use the following five images of relationship with God:

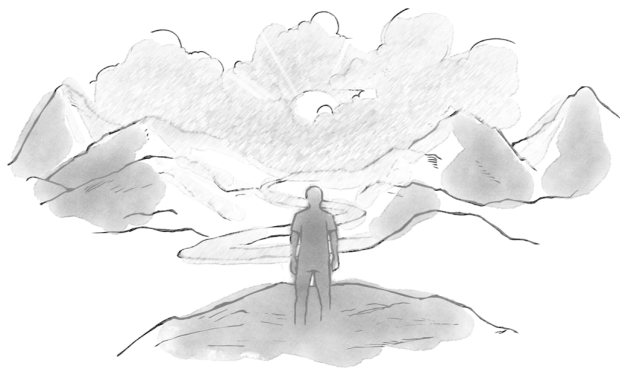
- a. Creator and creation (Psa. 139:13-14)
- b. Father and child (Rom. 8:15)
- c. Husband and wife (Eph. 5:22-32)
- d. Master and servant (John 12:26)
- e. Friends (John 15:15; Exo. 33:9,11)

Which image best represents your relationship with God? Why?

Section C: Your understanding and experience of intimacy

8. What is “intimacy with God”?

Is it spatial? Is it knowledge? Is it relational? Is it experiential? Is it emotional?



9. Describe three situations when you experienced intimacy with God

a. Situation #1

b. Situation #2

c. Situation #3

10. What are your expectations of intimacy with God?

Section D: Your response to intimacy as defined below

11. Intimacy has been defined as the process of (a) knowing and (b) being known by another person.

- a. Process of KNOWING: How do you seek to know God?
Be specific in your answer.

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*Note: If you only learn and share what others say about God then you are second-handlers.
How can you experience the richness of God's Word for yourself?*

- b. Process of BEING KNOWN²: God is all-knowing; He knows everything about you then how do you seek to be known by God?

The pursuit of intimacy with God is an intentional commitment to take steps toward God. Of the two above, which one do you need to improve on? What will you do in that area?

² Whatever you tell God will not cause Him to think less of you because (a) He already knows everything about you [Psa. 139:1-6] and (b) He sent His Son to die for you while you were still a sinner [Rom. 5:8].

12. Scriptures encourage us to draw near to God (Psa. 73:28; Jas. 4:8; Heb. 4:14-17; 7:25).

a. Why do you want to draw near to God?

b. If you have little or no desire for God, why is that so?

c. What are some things which hinder you from drawing near to God?

Here are a few possibilities to jumpstart your thought process:

- *Superficiality (shallowness as in Matt. 13:5-6)*
- *Failure to prioritize ... busy with work (Luke 6:46)*
- *Not disciplined (1 Cor. 9:27)*
- *Busy in ministry ... in serving (Luke 10:40)*
- *Unconfessed sin (Isa. 59:1-2)*
- *Others (please specify)*

The pursuit of intimacy with God is a choice and a commitment.

Will you choose that which is better? (Luke 10:42) Yes / No

d. How will / can you overcome your hindrances (if any)?



Section E: What do Scriptures say about intimacy?

13. What do these Scriptures tell you about intimacy with God specifically (a) drawing near to God and (b) knowing Him intimately?

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

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John 14:21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.

John 15:15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

Prov. 3:32 for the devious person is an abomination to the LORD, but the upright are in his confidence.

Isa. 59:2 but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

14. What is God speaking to you through the above Scriptures?
What will you do in response?

Assignments

1. Read the article at <https://youthministry.com/4-practical-ways-grow-intimate-jesus/>
2. Select ONE of the four ways to fuel intimacy with Jesus and apply it in your life by next week
3. Before our next session, meet with another “iron brother” to share your answers to the above questions with the goal of sharpening one another