LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE TRUE LOVERS - PART 6

A Lovers Touch
Pastor Miles McPherson – May 24, 2015

Pastor Miles concluded the True Lovers series focusing on Physical Touch - God's touch is His transforming Presence. We Persue His touch and as True Loers, we Extend God's touch to others.

Memory Verse

And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed *them* all. **Luke 6:19**

DISCUSSION STARTERS

Does the world take pride in being bad? Pastor Miles talked about before he accepted Christ, he was an excellent sinner. In society today, sin seems to be glorified, and certain bad behavior gets positive feedback. Give some examples of how sin gets accepted or even praised.

TAKE A FEW MINUTES:

What are some of the challenges you experience in sensing God's presence when we are surrounded by sin and other bad behavior and temptations?

What do you feel is slowing us down in pursuing or seeking a touch from God, or trying to deliberately encounter God and experience His tangible presence?

How do you as a Christian make your loving presence known to those glorifying or rationalizing their sin?

STUDY QUESTIONS

Read Philippians 2:5-11

- [1] God created you to hear His voice; He created you to sense His presence. What is it like when you hear or sense God's presence?
- [2] What does the presence of God feel like to you? Is there a physical or sensory indication that God is near to you? How do you respond to Him?



[3] we were made to experience God's presence uniquely and intimately. Have you deliberately encountered God today?

- [4] When we feel God's Presence, how does that affect others around us?
- [5] How does God's presence allow Him to connect to others through us?
- [6] What have you learned from this study True Lovers?
- [7] What has changed in you as a result of this study?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

In a blog, Pastor Miles said " Your daily stress is a sign that you believe God is not satisfied with your life. You cannot be in the presence of God and be in turmoil."

Break into groups of 2 or 3 and share what has been a recent stress for you. Pray with one another to experience the Presence of God and that His touch be felt so that the stress and turmoil will fade away.

TAKE IT HOME!

This week, take time each day and deliberately seek the Presence of God. Let Him come close to you and allow you to reach out and encounter others through you with His Presence.

OTHER RESOURCES!

Here are some videos for those of you that would like to go deeper, or help enhance your study.

Francis Chan - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oaNmBN ki8o

Presence of God Series by Pastor Miles - http://www.sdrock.com/messages/presenceofgod/

