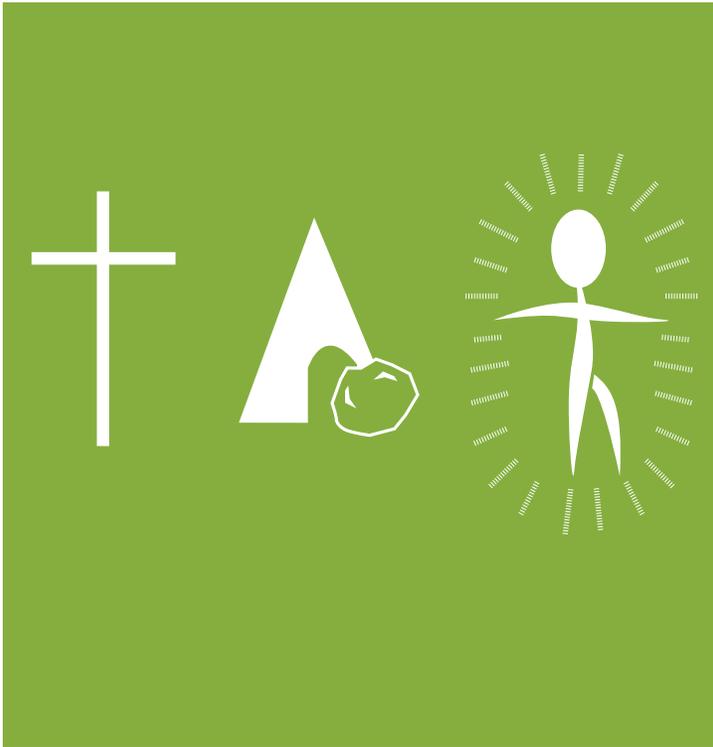


Life
with
God



*"Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said he would. He was buried. He was raised from the dead, just as the Scriptures said he would."
1 Corinthians 15:3-4*

*"God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift. It is not based on anything you have done. No one can brag about earning it. God made us. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus. Now we can do good things. Long ago God prepared them for us to do."
Ephesians 2:8-10*

"We love because He first loves us."

1 John 4:19

Explain how a relationship with God begins.
What role does love and trust have in this relationship?
Does God give us salvation as a result of our good efforts?
What is our purpose in life as described in verse 10?



“Come near to God and
He will come near to you.”

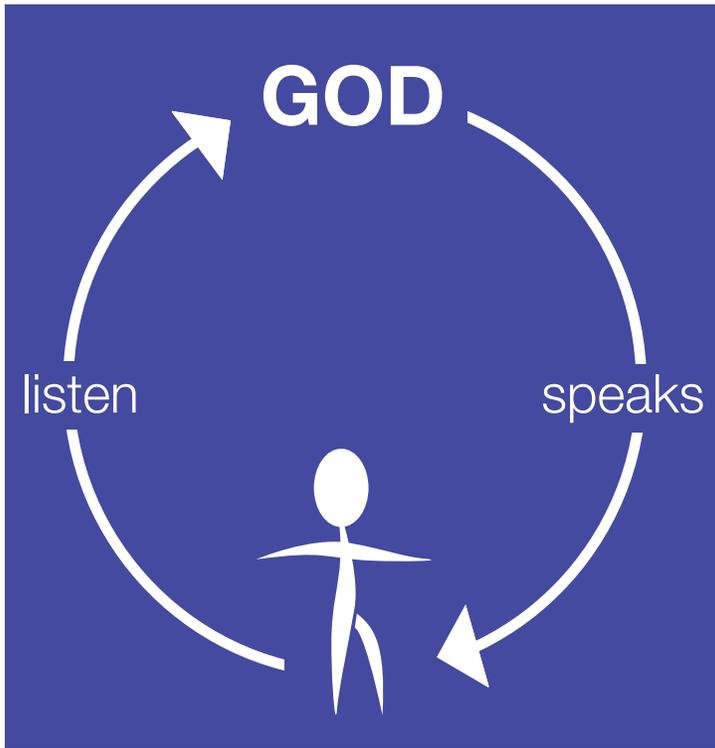
James 4:8

*“You received Christ Jesus as Lord. So keep on living in Him.
Have your roots in Him. Build yourselves up in Him.”
Colossians 2:6,7*

*“The believers studied what the apostles taught. They shared life together. They broke
bread and ate together. And they prayed. Everyone felt God was near. ... They gave each
other everything they needed... they met together... in the temple... in their homes.”
Acts 2:42-46*

What activities promote healthy relationships with people?

What activities promote a healthy relationship
with God?

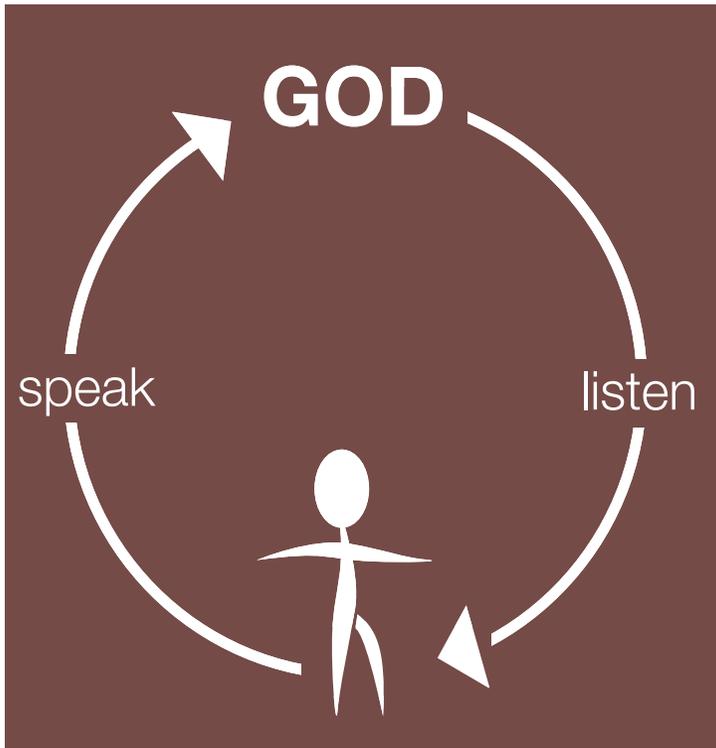


*"The word of God is living and active.
It is sharper than any sword that has two edges...
It judges the thoughts and purposes of the heart."
Hebrews 4:12*

Good friends listen to each other.
When we listen, God speaks.

*"I have called you friends. I have told you everything.
I have learned from my Father."
John 15:15*

What are some ways God speaks to you?
How can you hear His voice more clearly?



When we speak, God listens and responds.

Impromptu Prayer
Psalm 62:8

Guided Prayer - The Lord's Prayer
Matthew 6:9-13

"Ask, search, knock...

Suppose your son asks for bread. Which of you will give him a stone? ... or a fish, a snake?

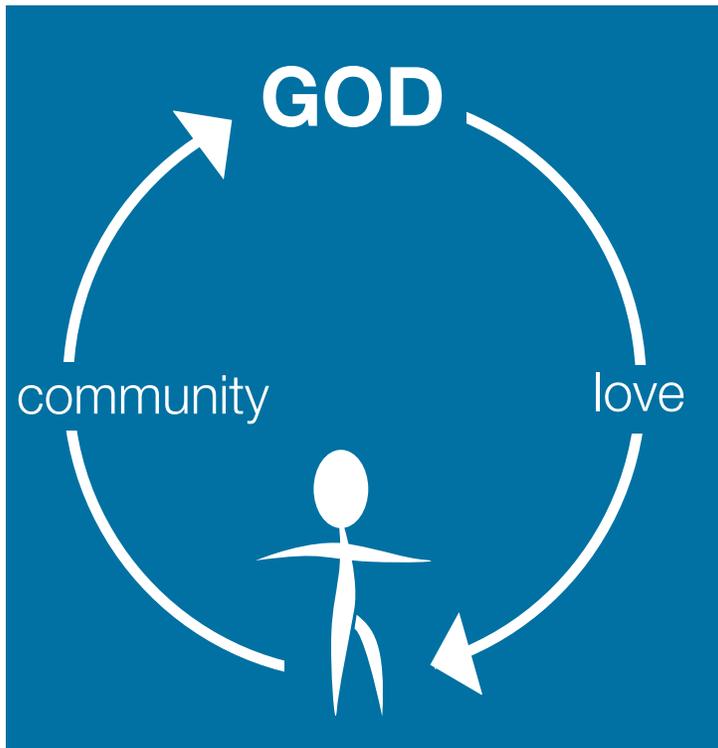
Even though you are evil, you know how to give good gifts to your children. How much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"

Matthew 7:7-11

Why is it important to thank God for things and ask for His help?

How does God respond when you speak?

What are some benefits of impromptu and guided prayer?

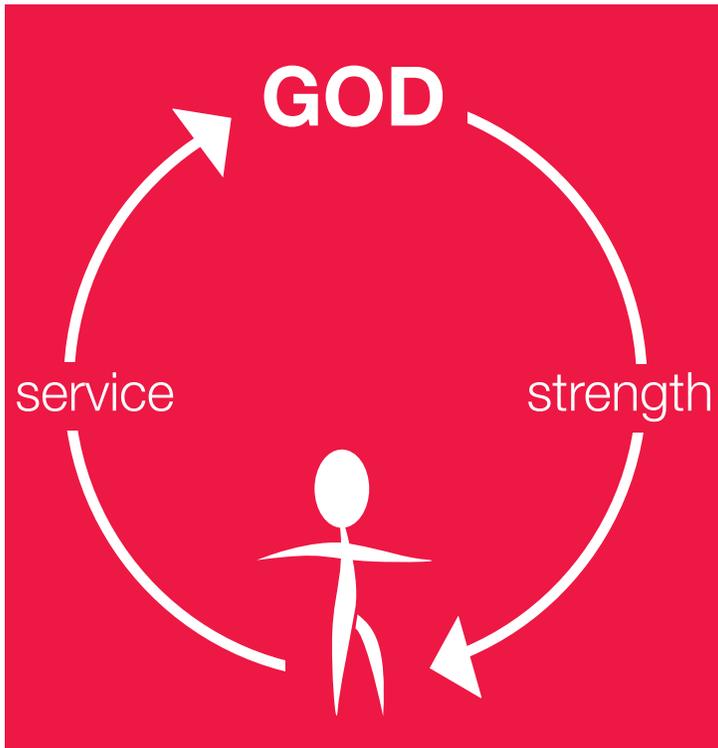


*"We know what love is because Jesus Christ gave his love for us.
So we should give our lives for our brothers and sisters... put your love into action.
Then it will be truly love."
1 John 3:16*

We feel God's love when we love
and are loved by others.

*"If we love one another, God lives in us.
His love is made complete in us."
1 John 4:12*

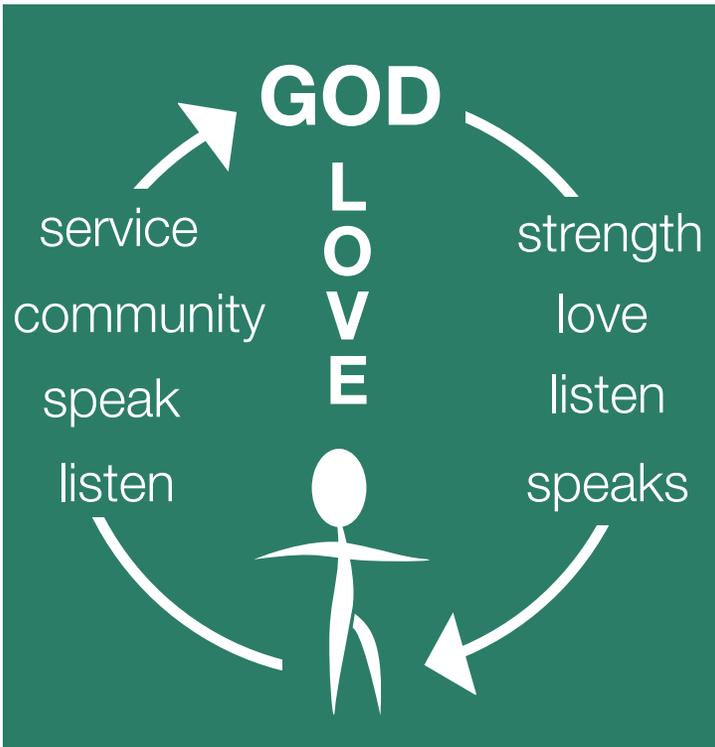
How do you think spending time with a community
of believers helps us feel God's love?
What are some others ways God reminds us of His love?
Why is it important to sense God's love?



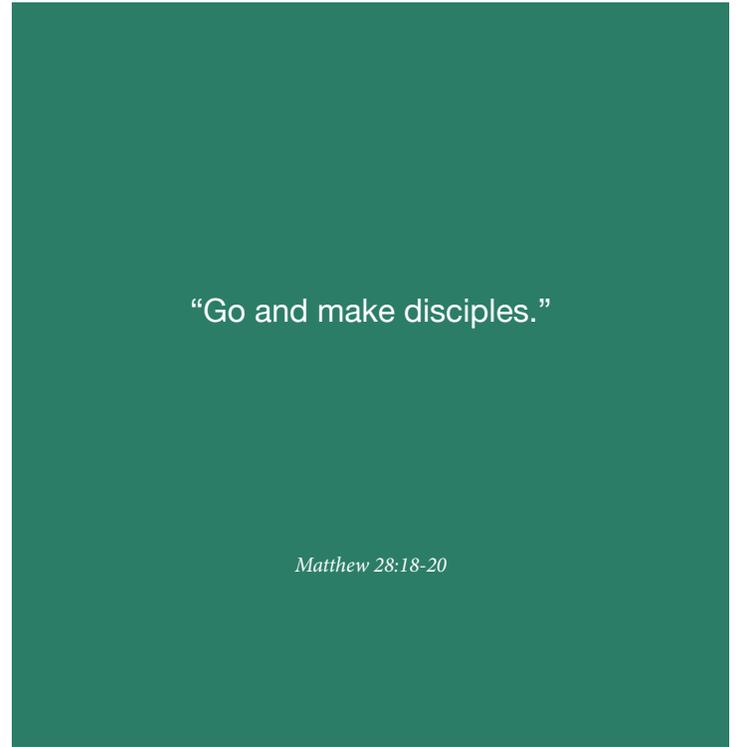
Serving God helps us to know
God's strength.

*"God's gifts of grace come in many forms.
Each of you have received a gift in order to faithfully serve others...
If you speak... if you serve... you should do it with the strength God provides."
1 Peter 4:10*

What are some of your gifts?
How can you use them to serve God?
In what ways could God give you strength to serve?



*"May you have power with all God's people to understand Christ's love.
May you know how wide and long and high and deep it is.
And may you know his love even though it can't be known completely.
Then you will be filled with everything God has for you."
Ephesians 3:18*



"Go and make disciples."

Matthew 28:18-20

How is God drawing you to a closer relationship with him?
What will you do to come near to God?
Who can you help come near to God?

Subjects to explore to further relationship with God:

- What is God's opinion of me?
- How can I be sure of my relationship with God?
- Expectations of God
- Expectations from God
- Obstacles in relationship
 - Evil desires from within ourselves
 - Evil desires from outside ourselves
- Healing from God
- Healing relationships with people
- Growth through suffering
- The role of the Holy Spirit
- What is the Trinity?
- What is the Church?
- Telling others about Jesus

