



**Experiencing
Transformed Life**
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► **Outline**

Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.
Colossians 2:7 (NLT)

We pursue relationship with Jesus by faith through:

1. _____ **with God.**
(Ephesians 3:16-19. C/R Psalm 95:2; Matthew 6:21;
Luke 9:23-24; John 8:31-32)

2. _____ **with Christians.**
(Matthew 18:20. C/R Romans 1:12; 1 Corinthians 12:27;
Hebrews 10:24-25)

3. _____ **for others.**
(Matthew 25:40. C/R: Romans 12:9,13; 1 Peter 3:15)

Answers: 1. Communicating 2. Connecting 3. Caring

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.



► Discussion Guide

This week's Discussion Guide focuses on the three primary ways we pursue Jesus at Brookwood: Communicating with God, Connecting with Christians, and Caring for Others. May these practices become a way of life for us!

Conversation Starter

When do you feel most fully alive?

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

COMMUNICATE WITH GOD

1. Read [John 10:1-5](#). What can you do to hear God's voice more clearly throughout each day?
2. Read [John 15:1-8](#). How does the metaphor of a vine and branches describe intimacy with God? What does it mean to *remain in God*?
3. Write down several things that are true from [John 15:1-8](#).
4. Read [2 Corinthians 9:6-15](#). Summarize what Paul is teaching in [vs. 7](#).
5. How is giving your time and money to the work of the church a form of communication with God? *See also:* [Hebrews 13:15-16](#).

CONNECT WITH CHRISTIANS

6. According to these passages, what should be common practice for believers? Who will you grow with in these areas?
 - a. [Romans 15:5-7](#)
 - b. [1 Thessalonians 5:11](#)
 - c. [James 5:16](#)

7. Read [John 17:21-23](#). What can you do to help Brookwood move closer to perfect unity? *See also:* [Acts 2:42-47](#); [Colossians 2:2](#); [3:12-17](#).

CARE FOR OTHERS

8. Read [Proverbs 19:17](#) and [Matthew 25:40](#). What does it mean *when we give to the poor, we are really giving to God*?
9. Read [Colossians 4:5-6](#) and [1 Peter 3:15-16](#). How can you get better at making *the most of every opportunity* to serve and share your faith?
10. What are some of the biggest challenges you face when it comes to pursuing a more personal, ongoing relationship with Jesus? What steps will you take to overcome these obstacles?

Soul Training

Give thanks to God for at least five things He has freely given you. (C/R: [Psalm 9:1](#); [95:1-3](#); [107:8-9](#); [147:1-5](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:17-18](#))

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading*

- Day 1: [Ephesians 3:16-19](#) Day 4: [Colossians 3:12-17](#)
Day 2: [John 15:1-8](#) Day 5: [Acts 20:18-32](#)
Day 3: [Acts 2:42-47](#)

* We'll return to readings in *The Life of Jesus* Sunday, September 17.

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, September 17, we'll begin the last part of *The Life of Jesus* series focusing on the final days of Jesus' life. To prepare, find a quiet place and read [John 14:1-16:33](#) (Reading #184 in *The Life of Jesus*).