



Closer to Jesus

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- **your caring Creator.**
Gen 1:1-31; Ps 33:6-9; Jn 1:1-4; 2 Cor 4:6; Heb 11:3
- **your powerful Protector.**
Ex 19:18-19; Ps 29; Is 55:9-11; Job 40:9
- **your forever Faithful.**
Nu 23:19; Is 40:8; 1 Pt 1:23-25; Mt 5:18-19, 24:35
- **your just Judge.**
Josh 5:6; 1 Sa 15:20-22; Ps 95:7-8; Jn 8:2; Rev 19:11-13
- **your loving leader.**
Dt 4:32-40; Mt 3:17; Jn 10:1-27
- **your very Life.**
Dt 8:3; Ps 78:23-25; Mt 4:4; Jn 5:24

☐ Therefore draw close to Jesus...

- **READ the Bible.**
- **LISTEN to the Spirit.**
- **RESPOND with your life.**

GETTING STARTED: Do you like to hear the sound of your own voice recorded? Why or why not?

DIGGING DEEPER: Read the verses associated with each characteristic of God in the outline above. Which of these characteristics are most meaningful to you? Why? Are there any that bother you? Why are all of these characteristics of God important? On a scale of 1-10, how strongly do you believe that God's Word can draw you closer to Him? Why? What insight do these verses give to Jesus being the word of God (Jn 1:1-14; Heb 1:3)? How does this help you know you can be close to God? How has reading the Word helped you feel closer to God? What verses have been particularly helpful for you to feel close to God?

REMINDER: Do you have a plan to regularly meet with God through reading His Word? Why or why not? If not, what would convince you to do so? How much is time and energy a barrier to you meeting with God? How much time each week do you spend in recreation, sports, non-work-related time on the computer, or watching TV? Will you read the New Testament with us this year for the purpose of connecting with Jesus and trusting Him to change you? When will you do it each day?

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17	18 Mark 8:14—9:1	19 Mark 9:2-29	20 Mark 9:30-50	21 Mark 10:1-31	22 Mark 10:32-52	23 Mark 11
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