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## Relationship with God

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind.*

**Matthew 22:37 (Jesus is repeating Deut 6:5)**

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### First Third

15 Min *How are you?*

15 Min *Evaluation: What has become of the goals from the last meeting?*

10 Min *Vision*

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### Second Third

15 Min *Worship*

10 Min *Learning from the Book of Acts. Share with each other: What did you learn from Acts 9-12? What is the Holy Spirit teaching you? Use your filled out worksheets for the Book of Acts.*

15 Min *New lesson: Now give each participant a copy of this worksheet.*

### Avoiding the information trap

Our society exalts information and knowledge. We revere intelligent people and praise academic achievement. We hold the pursuit of knowledge as one of the highest ideals of society and a mark of true success in life. Believers can get caught in this trap, thinking that knowledge is the ultimate measure of faith. They may spend their lives pursuing Bible knowledge and may sound very smart and insightful. But the question remains: Do they actually obey what God is teaching them?

**James 1:22** \_\_\_\_\_

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Intimacy with God comes not from knowledge or works, but from a living relationship marked by loving obedience to Him. We could say that pleasing the Lord does not depend on how much you know – it depends on who you know!

God does not measure a person based on knowledge or educational achievements. Quite the contrary! Throughout the Bible we see that God often uses the most unlikely people: Gideon, Rahab, and David to name a few. Consider what was said of the apostles:

**Acts 4:13** \_\_\_\_\_

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### The “disobedience factor”

Imagine that there are two different followers of Jesus: One has been a believer for a long time and knows 50 things God wants him to do. Out of them he does 20.

The other is a fresh new believer and just knows 3 things God wants him to do. All of them he tries to follow as good as he can.

***How high is their “disobedience factor”? How high is yours?***

## Three steps to a deeper relationship with God

### 1. Confessing Sins and Repenting

The Enemy always tries to use our “weak points” like pride, greed, self-pity, laziness etc. to distract us from God. Ask God to show you where you have not lived according to His will. Ask Him for forgiveness.

### 2. Seek God and listen to Him

Matt 7:7: \_\_\_\_\_  
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“He who has ears, let him hear.” (Jesus says this 16 times!)

### 3. Live in obedience

John 14:15: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(see also 1.John 5:3)

Out of our own strength we can't do that – but out of God's grace we can receive the power of the Holy Spirit to do His will.

**? In Acts 9-12, how do we observe believers taking these three steps? How did they grow in their relationship with God?**

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25 Min *Practice: Where in my life do I know what God wants but am not doing it?*

*Take time for prayer to confess these things in front of each other. Ask for forgiveness.*

5 Min **My personal goals until next time:**



*Use your people list, pray and set your personal goals:*

☐ Inspired from the study of Acts or from this lesson I want to obey God next week in this point:

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☐ I will share my story with God with \_\_\_\_\_ .

☐ I will study Acts 13-16 and write down what God is teaching me (using the *Acts Worksheet*)

☐ I will train \_\_\_\_\_ just as I have been trained

☐ I will pray for the people on my list every day

10 Min *Pray in groups of two for each other*