



The Chapel  
April 27, 2025  
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Week 1: Relationship  
Psalm 27:4, 8; Mark 1:35; Rev. 3:20

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### OPENER (5 mins)

Share a time when your relationship with God was particularly close.



### JOURNAL SHARING (15 mins)

Psalm 19:1

Psalm 18:6

Psalm 13:1-2; 1 Samuel 2:1-2

Rev. 3:20



### EXTENDED PRAYER (20-30 min)

Read **Psalm 27:4, 8** together, then use the prompts below to pray through those verses.

#### A. "One thing I ask..." (v.4)

**Leader Prompt:** What is the "one thing" your heart is really seeking right now? Are there any distractions / lesser loves that you need to release in order to pursue God more fully?

Pause and invite people to pray.

#### B. "To gaze on Your beauty..."

**Leader prompt:** Let's take a moment to worship Him. What have you seen about His character lately? Praise Him for who He is.

Pause and invite prayers of praise.

#### C. "Your face, Lord, I will seek." (from v.8)

**Leader Prompt:** This is a personal response. In your own words, tell Him, "Your face, Lord, I will seek." If you don't know how, ask Him to show you.

Pause & allow a few minutes of silent prayer.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Invite one person to close the group prayer time.



## DISCUSS (15 MIN)

1. Pastor Paul described prayer as conversational, real, and close. Which of these three aspects do you find most challenging in your own prayer life? What practical steps could you take to grow in that area?
2. The sermon concluded with Jesus "knocking at the door" of our hearts (Revelation 3:20).
  - a. What does Jesus' choice to knock at the door rather than force His way in reveal about how God approaches relationship with us?
  - b. What specific barriers or distractions might be preventing you from fully "opening the door" to Jesus in prayer?
  - c. What one tangible step will you commit to this week to create more space for authentic conversation with God? How might your small group help hold you accountable to this commitment?



## PRAYER → ACTION (5 min)

After praying, what is **one step of obedience** that God is calling you to take this week? It could be a change in your attitude, a specific action, or a way to love and serve others. Record this in your journal, asking God for the grace & power to follow through. Share with your group members also, to help keep you accountable.