Connect Study—Intimacy with God

This study is based on Ps Suubi’s message on intimacy with God.

Prayer increases our intimacy with God. Intimacy with God is very important.

1. Intimacy helps us to discern the will of God. It also strengthens our will to carry out the will of God.

In Matt 26:36-39, Jesus prayed, “Not my will, but let your will be done!” The greatest sin in a Christian’s life is the refusal to understand and obey the will of God. Every other sin is just a manifestation or acts of rebellion if we are not in covenant relationship with Him.

1. Intimacy also strengthens our covenant relationship with God. We can claim the promises in prayer only because we are in covenant relationship with God.
2. Intimacy also positions us to see things from God’s perspective.

In Isaiah 6:3, the seraphim were calling out to each other, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of heaven’s armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!” Even though the world is filled with violence, immorality, poverty and injustice, the seraphim proclaimed that the whole earth was filled with God’s glory. They did not perceive the world in its current state, they saw the world from God’s perspective. Our perspective is determined by our position. Joshua and Caleb considered the giants from a different perspective than the rest of the spies.

1. Intimacy helps us to be at the right place at the right time.

Without intimacy, we will always be at the wrong place at the wrong time. The children of Israel were guided by the cloud of glory. When the cloud lifted, they had to pack down the tents and move.

1. Intimacy with God brings transformation.

2 Cor 3:18 “ So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

1. Intimacy with God makes us fruitful

In Jn 21, the disciples worked all night but did not catch any fish but when Jesus asked them to let their nets down on the other side, from that same sea, they caught so many fish until they could not haul in the net.

Discussion Questions:

1. How can we develop that intimacy with God?
2. Do you have a regular pattern of prayer? How can you grow deeper in your prayer life?
3. Share one answered prayer in your life related to the points we touched on tonight
4. What is one takeaway point from last weekend’s message that really impacted you?