

JUMP START



Lesson 3: Receive

God wants you to receive a rich relationship with Him.

For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:8



REARVIEW MIRROR

Think about Lesson 2. What was one thing that really spoke to you? Was there something that you changed, did differently or added into your life as a result?



EYES ON THE ROAD: Watch the video.

START YOUR ENGINE

Who is someone famous that you would like to have a relationship with based on their personality? What about this person appeals to you?

If you had a scheduling conflict between meeting this famous person or doing something else really important to you, how would you choose which appointment to keep?



CHARGE YOUR BATTERY

Scripture references may be found at the end of each lesson.

1. In the video, Becky suggested that we are who we are based on our relationships. Who is someone that has impacted you:

Positively

Negatively

What have you learned from each?

2. Each of us was created with a God-sized hole in our heart that only He can fill. Is there someone or something in your life that you use to fill this hole?

Does this person consume more of your thoughts, time and energy than Jesus?

Is it realistic for you to ask this person to fill your every need?

What would it look like in your life if that relationship was dramatically changed? (if they moved, they disappointed you, they got sick, etc)

Would they still be able to fill your “hole?”

Ponder this and write down your thoughts.

3. In Becky’s talk she said that a relationship with Jesus is the only thing that will fill the God-sized hole in your heart. In Matthew 7:8, Jesus says, “everyone who asks, receives.”

What is something you would like to “receive” from Jesus?

Are you bold enough to ask?

Matthew 7:8 goes on to say, “everyone who seeks, finds.” What are some tangible ways you will seek Jesus this week?

4. Write out Revelation 3:20

In this verse, what two things must you do to receive Jesus?

What kinds of things keep you from responding to Jesus?

5. The second part of Revelation 3:20 promises that if we receive Jesus, He will come in and fellowship with us. What does fellowship with Jesus look like to you?

In this lesson, you have been faithful to learn God’s Word. Now it’s time to *Hit the Road*. By doing the *Hit the Road* portion of *Jumpstart*, you will take what you have learned and put it into action. Don’t miss the most exciting part of the ride.



HIT THE ROAD

1. Think about your relationship with Jesus. What dedicated effort will you make this week to replace other “important” activities with time for Jesus? Commit to do one thing each day with Jesus. It can be the same thing each day or something different. Be creative. Write down your commitment in the space provided.

2. Write the following verse on an index card. Put it in a prominent place so that you can memorize it.

“Look! Here I (Jesus) stand at the door and knock. If you hear me calling and open the door, I will come in and we will share a meal as friends.” Revelation 3:20

Share a meal with Jesus. Envision that He is sitting with you while you eat. Be intentional about giving Him your thoughts and time. (Read Luke 10:38-41 about a time when Jesus fellowshiped with His friends.)

Call someone and invite them to share a meal or a cup of coffee so that you can build a relationship with them.

3. In Becky’s talk she shares a little bit about the God she has come to know:

My God knew me before the creation of the world.

My God knew every mistake I would make and called me His own anyway.

My God is my ever present companion.

My God is knocking at the door of my heart and waits until I open the door.

My God prepares me in advance for the days to come.

My God knows me and I know him.

I am HIS!

Describe the God that you know. List as many things as you like. Use Psalm 139:1-18 to jumpstart your thoughts.

SCRIPTURES (NEW LIVING TRANSLATION)



CHARGE YOUR BATTERY

Matthew 7:8—

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Luke 10:30-42 —

As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught. But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me." But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her."

Psalms 139:1-18 —

- 1** O Lord, you have examined my heart
and know everything about me.
- 2** You know when I sit down or stand up.
You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.
- 3** You see me when I travel
and when I rest at home.
You know everything I do.
- 4** You know what I am going to say
even before I say it, Lord.
- 5** You go before me and follow me.
You place your hand of blessing on my head.
- 6** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too great for me to understand!
- 7** I can never escape from your Spirit!
I can never get away from your presence!
- 8** If I go up to heaven, you are there;
if I go down to the grave, you are there.
- 9** If I ride the wings of the morning,
if I dwell by the farthest oceans,
- 10** even there your hand will guide me,
and your strength will support me.
- 11** I could ask the darkness to hide me
and the light around me to become night—

"When we open our hearts to be honest with God in prayer, He hears us and steps through the door to be with us, totally unphased by the mess of our interior world... And when we do, He will sometimes look up laughing and invite Himself to tea."

—Pete Greig

- 12** *but even in darkness I cannot hide from you.
To you the night shines as bright as day.
Darkness and light are the same to you.*
- 13** *You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body
and knit me together in my mother's womb.*
- 14** *Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex!
Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.*
- 15** *You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion,
as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.*
- 16** *You saw me before I was born.
Every day of my life was recorded in your book.
Every moment was laid out
before a single day had passed.*
- 17** *How precious are your thoughts about me, O God.
They cannot be numbered!*
- 18** *I can't even count them;
they outnumber the grains of sand!
And when I wake up,
you are still with me!*