Week 2: **SEEKING GOD**

Start by taking a moment to read the whole chapter of **Luke 15**. How can you relate to these stories that Jesus told? How does it feel to know that as you begin this important journey, God has been seeking and searching for you? Jeremiah 29:11-13 NIV For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. What is it going to take for you to seek God with your whole heart? Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17 How is the Bible useful to you on this journey with God? How have you used the Bible up to this point in your walk with God?

Hebrews 4:12-13 NIV

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

How is the Bible described here?
What will it do to your life if you read it and apply it?
What would stop you from letting the Bible change you?
John 8:31-32 NIV To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
What does that look like for someone to hold to Jesus' teachings?
What truth have you lived by up to this point?
What have you been set free from, and what would you like to be set free from as you move forward?

Read Matthew 15:1-9

What religious traditions in your life have honored God?
Are there any religious traditions that have nullified (canceled out) God's word in your life?
Read <u>Luke 11:1-4</u>
What are some important aspects of prayer that Jesus teaches us?
How can you grow in praying to God like Jesus taught?
Read <u>Acts 17:10-12</u>
How can you imitate the Bereans in your walk with God?

CHALLENGE: Examine God's Word every day, take notes & write down any questions you come across!