

Open House

Living Out Our Christian Values With God

1. Three Questions to answer:
 - a. What is a relationship with God?
 - b. What does it imply?
 - c. Do our private lives matter as long as nobody knows?

2. What is a relationship with God? What does it imply?
 - a. What is a relationship with a parent like? A sibling?
 - b. What is the relationship with God supposed to be like?

I do want to emphasize that a relationship with God is almost like having a king as your father. You love him, but it's not like loving anybody else. There's also a healthy respect involved. Check out your parents' Chinese soap operas for a hint.

- c. Scripture: John 15: 5-7

3. Do our private lives matter with God?

- a. Scripture: 2 Samuel 11

- b. Background:

- i. David's not in the right place to begin with.

If you recall, during this time of the year, David should be leading his army in the battlefield, not be in the palace.

- ii. Not only did he lust, but he committed adultery, broke another rule of God, then tried to lie, and then finally killed Uriah.

So he lusted, and then slept with her. He slept with her while she's having her period (which is something prohibited by God). Then tried to trick the public by getting Uriah involved. In the end, David killed Uriah, who was a faithful and innocent servant. HOWEVER, even though he has committed these sins, he was still referred to as a "man of God's heart". Why? Because he repented!

- c. Why do our private lives matter with God?

Because God cares about us. He doesn't just want our attention. He doesn't just want to spend time with us when everything's going well. He wants to be the center of all we do because it's the right thing to do. Our lives include not just the public aspects (i.e. what our friends or youth group buddies see), but also the private aspects.

- d. Is it possible, though, to live our Christian values without God? *Obviously, no.*

4. Conclusion:

- a. **We can't live Christian lives without God.**
 - b. **Our private lives do matter with God!**