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## The Intimacy of God

- **Group Exercise Prompt:**

- In what way are they misunderstanding our relationship with God?

- Karen: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Mark: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Joel: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Rebecca: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### **Introduction**

- Life *Under* God

- **Main Point:** Life \_\_\_\_\_ God is not transaction in exchange for favor, but \_\_\_\_\_ in our loving \_\_\_\_\_.

- What is Intimacy?

- **Definition:** To be intimate is to \_\_\_\_\_ and be fully \_\_\_\_\_.

- Why did God Create Us?

- Life \_\_\_\_\_ God

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- Genesis 3:5

- Genesis 3:15

- Colossians 1:19-20

## ***Life Under God***

- Matthew 23:1-12
  - “*The irony of a life under God is that we are seeking to exert control over God through strict adherence to rituals and absolute obedience to moral codes.... Through our obedience we put God into our debt and expect him to do our bidding in exchange for our worship and righteous behavior*” – Skye Jethani
    - *The Life Under God Formula:* God \_\_\_\_\_ the righteous and \_\_\_\_\_ the unrighteous.
      - Three Implications of this Posture:
        - ***First***, this thinking elevates the \_\_\_\_\_
        - ***Second***, this thinking allows no room for God’s sovereign \_\_\_\_\_.
          - ***Retributive Principle:*** if we do \_\_\_\_\_ we get \_\_\_\_\_.
          - ***The Principle of Trust:*** Righteousness without \_\_\_\_\_ should be found in a people already rewarded by \_\_\_\_\_ alone
        - ***Third***, this thinking undermines the power of the \_\_\_\_\_ within you.
          - Eph. 2:4-7
          - Matt. 11:29-30
          - Eph. 2:8-10
      - Life *with* God acknowledges that his ways are \_\_\_\_\_ than ours.