

“Knowing God First”
Curriculum Outline

Introduction: You are on an educational journey. It is a means to a goal that you have for yourself. *SoulQuest* invites you on a spiritual journey toward a desire that God has for you.

What does “God First” mean?

A. God is the Source of All (Genesis 1; and Colossians 1:15-20)

Introduction: God is the Source of all – prevenient

1. God is creator – of the world, everything you study
– of you, with His image upon you (what is the image of God I you?)
2. God is sustainer – of creation, indirectly through laws He set in motion
directly through intervening and presence
3. God is savior – what is it? (from bondage to restored)
Restoring His image in you
– how does it occur?
Repentance, justification, adoption
4. God is sanctifier – what is it?
Shaping holy character
Empowering for a life of service

Further Inquiry: *How do I know this God who is the source of all? (John 3:16)*

B. God is the Lord of All (Genesis 1; and Colossians 1:15-20)

Introduction: God is the Lord of all – preeminent

1. Lord of creation – entrusted to our care
2. Lord of life – given as a gift, complete with freedom
3. Lord of circumstances – which are opportunities to reflect God’s character
4. Your response – acknowledgement or not of His Lordship or yours
– by your choices, attitude, control

Further Inquiry: *How do I acknowledge this God who is Lord of all? (Proverbs 3:5-6)*

C. Truth is a Person (Deuteronomy 6:4-6; and John 14:6-11)

Introduction: The journey is relational Truth = rational & relational

1. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, the Life Sources = Quadrilateral
2. You are called to a relationship with Truth (Not a prop to learn but person to know)
– to know God through Jesus Christ
3. Who is Jesus?
4. What did Jesus do?

Further Inquiry: *How do I have a relationship with this Person? (John 12:24-26)*

D. Salvation is a relationship (Deuteronomy 6:4-6; and John 14:6-11)

Introduction: The journey restores God’s image

1. God is revealed in creation – general
– in the Bible – special
2. Jesus is the Truth of full salvation
– restoring the image of God
3. Questions are and expression of love to know the Truth

Further Inquiry: *How do I begin this relationship with Truth? (John 7:37; Romans 10:9)*