

Christians Who Care- AIG Job 42:7-9; Exodus 32:

The average North American pastor spends approximately 5 min a week in personal pursuit of God.

AIG is in the news a lot this week with their bail out and bonuses. Though people are upset with the company AIG, how much of the church is like them? Instead of asking a blessing for ourselves we should be asking to be used to bless others. It has to do with **Attitude**. The attitude of AIG's executive's is not good, asking to be rescued and a bonus as well. What is our attitude? Has it ever been like that? If we want our lives to be marked with the seeking of God, if we want Him to reveal Himself to us we need to **Ask** for **Accountability**. We will all give an **Account** and we want to be found worthy, right? An attitude humble enough to ask for accountability is what CARE Groups are all about; it's about having a fresh encounter with God. This is a good personal vision to have. What is the priority relationship in our lives and where is our responsibility in that relationship? Ask God. **Exodus 32** Are we guilty of seeking other gods or doing things we ought not to be doing because Jesus is taking 'forever' to return? **Jude** speaks of this happening in the end times. There is something beneficial about waiting on the Lord. What do you visualize for your relationship with God? We are so distracted we have quit being attracted. The thing we need the most is God and it's what we go after the least. **Intercession** Job interceded for his friends, Moses interceded for the people. Do we intercede for our friends? Is it possible that God will not deal with them as they perhaps deserve because of our intercession? That should be motivation enough to enter our prayer closets. We think we need to **Impress** people; we live in a time when front and centre is all important. Many seek the spotlight, yet the stage is the lowest level of impact in the world. We can **Influence** those who move in the same arena as us ie. work, sports. But our area of **Impact** is in the daily walk, the hanging out together. The closest person has the highest impact. Who is closer to your kids than you? Be fearful of their lack of intimacy with God. Intimacy won't happen by osmosis. Let's linger in God's presence. We will impact our community for the Kingdom of God through intercession. Before conversion it's all about us; after conversion it's all about God and His **Glory**. The acid test of our prayers is, "Who gets the glory, us or God?" Some of us are so focused on our lack that we don't **Give** and so we don't **Get**. If we would only focus on what we've already **Got** we would give out of that resource and then God would give back a good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over. As born again believers we need to focus on the goodness of God and give out of a grateful heart. God keeps good books. If we seek His face we will get His hand. We seek His **face** through the **Book** and through prayer.