



Dear Parents,

This week we will be viewing episode 5 of *GOSPEL Journey Maui* and discussing the difference between religion and a relationship with God. Religion, by definition, is humanity's attempt to 'bind us back' to God through works. Relationship with God, however, is the free gift of salvation offered to everyone because of Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

Take some time to explore as a family some of the ways God communicates that He is relational and desires a relationship with people. Check out the following verses together; then use the discussion questions below to interact with your teen:

- John 1:12
- John 3:16
- John 15:15
- Galatians 4:7
- 1 Thessalonians 1:4



Discussion questions

- What is the difference between a religion about God and a relationship with God?
- What do these verses show about God's desire to have a relationship with people?

The *GOSPEL Journey Maui* reality series is a powerful tool to engage young people in spiritual conversation. Don't hesitate to ask your teen to tell you about the cast members in the series. Find out which cast member they identify with most and why.

Your youth leader,