



“Developing in Intimacy with God”

A Spiritual Formation Workshop

September 24, 2020 – 6:30-9:00 pm, Fellowship Center and Online

Handout & Notes

1. Why is intimacy with God so important?

1. **Life. We are called to follow Jesus and His life. Jesus’ life had intimacy with the Father.**
Matthew 3:13-17; John 20:17

2. **Mission. We are to give what we got; filled to spill.** John 20:21

3. **Life Change.** Acts 5:13

Luke 7:36-50 “When Jesus Brings You to the Heart of the Father”

2. What stops us from pursuing intimacy with God?

3. How do I develop intimacy with God?

- 1. Pursue God and His presence through disciplines of solitude, Scripture meditation, and silence.**

PRACTICE it together: Praying Scripture

PROCESS it together:

- 2. Personalize your identity in Christ. John 15**
- 3. Keep confessions current before God and with others.**
- 4. Choose to suffer with God and sacrifice to receive more of God.**

PRACTICE it together: Visio Dei Prayer

PROCESS it together:

- 5. Ask for a fresh filling of His Spirit. John 7:37**

Life Change in Your Journey with Jesus

Our **vision** is to see communities where people are encouraged and equipped to lead Jesus-centered, missionally engaged, and relationally healthy lives. In short, we want to you to experience **life change** with Jesus.

Life Change with Jesus is a Journey

Life change with Jesus is a journey. Jesus talks about this life change using such words as “abiding” in Him, and “walking.” Jesus said he came to give us abundant life that is found in Him. This good life comes through being spiritually formed as a healthy disciple of Jesus. However, ministry activity never equates with spiritual maturity. In this regard, we want to help you become and maintain being a healthy disciple of Jesus. Our goals with this are based off of our church’s vision and core values. Life change with Jesus is developing in living a more Jesus-centered, Transforming, Relationally Healthy, and Missionally Engaged life.

A Jesus-Centered Life

A Jesus-Centered life is to present all of yourself before the presence of Jesus. It is the...

“With-God Life”

Develop in intimacy with God

“Spirit-Filled Life”

Live in the fullness of the Spirit

“Kingdom-Led Life”

Exercise spiritual authority and gifts for the Kingdom

A Transforming Life

A Transforming life is to position yourself to be changed by the Spirit. It is the...

“Community Life”

Cooperate with God’s Spirit through authentic community

“Soul-Change Life”

Cooperate with God’s Spirit in soul transformation

A Relationally Healthy Life

A Relationally Healthy life is to pursue healthy relationships with God and others. It is pursuing health in the...

“Vertical Life”

Pursue a healthy relationship with God and self

“Inner Circle Life”

Pursue healthy relationships in marriage, close friends, and church family

“Outer Circle Life”

Pursue healthy relationships with people where you live, work, study and play

A Missionally Engaged life

A Missionally Engaged life is to partner with God in missional living. It is the...

“Everyday Witness
Life”

Embrace your identity as
an everyday missionary

“Relationally
Investing Life”

Invest in relationships with
the unconverted where
you live, work, study, and
play

“Servant Life”

Serve others for the
Kingdom the way
Jesus serves us

“Discipler’s Life”

Disciple others to
reproduce another
spiritual generation

Your Next Step in Life Change with Jesus

Our **mission** is to guide people into a growing relationship with Jesus, developed through love, service, and community.

Life Change with Jesus is Developmental

Making a commitment to trust and follow Jesus is to become a disciple of Jesus. This simply means to allow Jesus to change your heart as you trust, follow, and learn from Jesus, and it is to help others to do the same. Discipleship to Jesus is to both develop in being a disciple and making disciples in another spiritual generation. This means that discipleship to Jesus is developmental. The following developmental stages are here to guide you in this growing relationship with Jesus.

Having Questions about Jesus

Next step: Attend Alpha or talk with another follower of Jesus

Committing to Follow Jesus

Next step: Be baptized

Following Jesus to become like Jesus

Next step: Get connected in a group, study, and/or formation workshop

Following Jesus to Make Other Disciples

Next step: Learn how to disciple others with our *Making Disciples* guide & Workshop