

SCHOOL OF

LIFE





INTRODUCTION

VISION

'We are' church statement:

We are a church who believe God is God all the time and has been made manifest through the life of Jesus.

We are a church full of sons and daughters who know God and know their identity.

We are a church who worship Jesus unashamedly.

We are a church who owe our lives to making Him known through our intimate life with Christ.

We are a church where the Kingdom advances in our personal, regional and global lives.

We are a church who is a family on a mission locally, regionally and globally.

We are a church who extends the Kingdom of God in every area of society.

We are a church where the creative expressions of our creator are expressed in and through us.

We are a church where educational dreams are birthed and our kids not only learn academics but learn who they are and Whose they are.

We are a church where saints flourish in the areas that God has called them.

We are a generous church with our time, finances and resources.

We are a people who are known by our radical love for one another and for others.

We are a church where miracles, signs and wonders follow because we are believing believers who believe.

We are a church who see the saints equipped and the lost returned home.

We are to be equipped and to release the Kingdom of God.



VALUES

IDENTITY

Jesus is the truth about God and the truth about us. We are firstly adopted in as sons and daughters. We were born into sin and when we become born again we are born in as sons and daughters of a Father who adores us.

1 John 4:17 'As he is, so also are we in this world.'

Colossians 1:15 'He is the image of the invisible God the firstborn of all creation,'

Heralds of righteousness.

We have been called Sons and Daughters, knowing we are made right(eous) with him. We are made in His image and become partakers of the divine nature the moment we are 'BORN AGAIN'.

“ *He created us to be intimate with Him and know Him and have Him know us.* ”



INTIMACY

Knowing God intimately not just theologically. Knowing each other and being a family on mission.

Intimacy is the beginning, middle and end. John 17:3

Growing in word, worship, warfare and working of miracles is a part of the normal Christian life and all come out of a place of intimacy.

God did not create humanity to fix a problem, he created us to be intimate with Him and know Him and have Him know us. Being of one accord and being one with Him. Fellowship with God and each other. Being in His presence and being present



INCREASE

As we grow in intimacy the Kingdom increases. Healthy things grow and produce fruit. It is the way He has designed us.

We increase in our own personal walk. We increase and make disciples through evangelism and equipping.

We increase His Kingdom according to Matthew 28. We increase as a family and mature in wisdom.

Isaiah 9:7 'Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.'

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SECTION 1: IDENTITY

LESSON 1

Jesus came with a mission (Righteousness)

Jesus did not save us in our sin, He saved us from our sin.

John the baptist proclaims in John 1:29, "Behold the lamb of God who TAKES AWAY (*emphasis added*) the sin of the world."

What if on the cross, more happened than we realised or have believed? What if we were meant to live like He did and follow His way of purity, holiness and power, the way Jesus modelled. What if He was our saviour from Sin not death.

Many Christians for years have believed they are still sinners, saved by grace rather than saints, holy and sanctified. When someone gets married, they can't become more married. They can learn how to have a good marriage, but the marriage took place at the tearing of the veil and a covenant between a husband and a bride. Jesus has made His bride compatible with Him, it is time we believed it and awoke to righteousness.

'You know that he appeared in order to take away sin. and in Him there is no sin.' - 1 John 3:5

'As far as the east us from the west, so far does he remove our transgression from us.' - Psalm 103:12

Adam and Eve were perfect and chose to sin, we were sinners who get to choose to become born again and partakers of His divine nature.

'We have been co-crucified with Jesus and we have been co-resurrected with Him.' 2 Peter 1:4

Have a look at these versus to see what the Bible actually says about the new creation we have become. Jesus didn't just die for us but as us.

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Colossians 3:3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Romans 6:6-7

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Colossians 2:11-12

In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Hebrew 9 28

so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Conclusion

Now with this truth in mind, lets look at the two types of people in the world, In Adam and In Christ. The picture of Jesus in the centre, on the cross and two thieves on either side is a perfect picture of this. One choose him and one didn't.

ADAM

Dark (Ephesians 5:8, John 3:19-20, Ephesians 4:18)

Goat (Matthew 25:32)

Old (Romans 6:6)

Sinner (Romans 5:8, James 5:20, Luke 15:7)

Unholy (1 Timothy 1:9)

Condemned (John 3:18)

In the domain of darkness
(Colossians 1:13)

A sinner in darkness (Romans 5:8, Ephesians 4:18)

Unrighteous (1 Corinthians 6:1, 9, 1 Peter 3:18)

Lost (Luke 15:4, 19:10)

Impure (Galatians 5:19-21, Ephesians 4:18)

Unregenerate (Ephesians 2:1, Titus 3:5)

By nature a child of wrath
(Ephesians 2:3)

Dead in sin (Ephesians 2:1, Romans 5:12)

In the flesh (Romans 7:5, Colossians 2:11)

Rejected (Deuteronomy 32:20)

Captive to sin (Titus 3:3, Romans 6:20)

Separated (Colossians 1:12)

CHRIST

Light (Ephesians 5:8)

Sheep (Matthew 25:32, John 10:2-3)

New (2 Corinthians 5:17, Colossians 3:3, Romans 6:6, Galatians 2:20)

Saint (Over 60 Versus)

Holy (Ephesians 1:4, Colossians 1:22)

Blameless (Ephesians 1:4, Colossians 1:22)

In the Kingdom of light (Colossians 1:13)

A saint in light (Colossians 1:12)

Righteous (2 Corinthians 5:21)

Found(Matthew 18:11, Luke 19:10)

Pure (Titus 2:14)

Regenerated (Titus 3:5)

A partaker of the divine Nature (2 Peter 1:4)

Alive in Christ(Ephesians 2:5, Romans 6:11, Colossians 2:13)

In the Spirit(Romans 8:9, Galatians 5:24)

Reconciled (2 Corinthians 5:19, Romans 5:10)

Free from Sin(Romans 6:7, 18, 22)

Joined in one spirit to Jesus (1 Corinthians 6:17)

Now we can clearly see this to be Truth but it is not always a reality in our lives and this is where the renewed mind, meditating on truth and letting it cut your heart becomes the normal Christian expression of faith. Fiery darts from the enemy do come which is why we need to gird up our loins of our minds in truth against deception. We must consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ (Romans 6:11)

You are now ONE with Christ, you were a sinner but now are a saint.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION



- In what ways does this chapter challenge or cause you to rethink some things you may have thought about your identity and nature as a Christian?
- How does an understanding that you are recreated in the fullness and likeness of God make you feel about having intimacy with God?
- How might this discovery of righteousness change some of the motives behind things like prayer, discipleship, worship or church for you?

LESSON 2

Jesus came with a message

(Jesus is the truth about God)

Jesus finally came to settle the score and reveal the nature of God and it is good.

1 John 1:5

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

Jesus came to do a lot of things but it can be summed up with the simplicity of this

statement and verse that Jesus came to reveal the goodness of God. "He is light" His goodness must be revealed through the person and nature of Him. The best example and fullness of this we have is Jesus. Jesus reveals God period.

The devil hates the goodness of God because the goodness of God...

- Leads us to repentance. (Romans 2:4)
- Leads us into a relationship with Him.
- Makes us whole and helps us grow into our salvation and Christian character (1Peter2:2-3)
- Fills us with hope helps us trust Him.
- Helps us feel safe to engage with him.

The Goodness of God is the cornerstone of all theology. Jesus came, not to condemn the world, but to save it (John 3:17).

He healed the sick and cast demons out of people. He himself even announced He has come to set captives free. We must get our belief of God through the lens of Jesus not our experience or lack of. We must settle this in our hearts and draw a line in the sand so that if something doesn't happen the way we hoped or wanted His goodness won't be on trial.

John 14:8-11

'Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.'

LESSON 2

Have a look at these scriptures to see how Jesus has now fully revealed the Father.

Colossians 1:15

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

Hebrews 1:1-3

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

John 1:18

No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Luke 24:27

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.



IF IT DOES NOT LOOK LIKE THE
SON, DON'T CALL IT THE FATHER

There are three main things that rob us from trusting God and drawing near to Him in confidence of His nature:

- Believing the voice of the enemy when it challenges God's goodness.
- Attributing challenging things we experience in our lives to God, that He is not responsible for.
- Misunderstanding God from misinterpreting the Old Testament apart from Christ.

JESUS IS THE SUBSTANCE OF WHAT WAS SHADOWED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Colossians 2:17

These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

John 5:39-40

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,

Matthew 12:40

For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Hebrews 8:6-7

But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second.

Often we make the mistake of determining God's will or nature by his actions recorded in the old Testament, under the old covenant.

God's will and nature cannot be determined apart from seeing him in Christ and through the new covenant, which was His ultimate plan for us. The old Testament can then beautifully reinforce the dynamics of his nature we find in the new Testament, showing us what was really going on and how the covenants of old were affecting man's walk with God. If we mistake the shadow for the substance, we will misunderstand who God is and what He does on the earth today. We may even attribute responsibility of things resembling old covenant judgement in the world today to him by citing things such as earthquakes, tsunamis, wildfires, wars, and more.

We must not imagine God is still relating to us under his old covenant with Man. The new covenant has come allowing the relationship he always desire to have with us.

There is no dark, hidden corner of the Father that Jesus could not show us. He perfectly revealed who the Father was and is.

When you rightly define the Father by what the sun revealed about him, you can finally trust and know who God is, making it perfectly safe to go through the righteousness door into intimacy with your Father!

Some powerful implications for this are: If you decide God does not desire to heal the sick, restore the brokenhearted, and liberate the captives, then you must prove this through the sun. He healed all who came to him.

(Matthew 4:23; Luke 4:30-44; 6:17 - 19; 9:11)

If you decide God wants to use evil, sickness, devastation, or poverty to teach your judge you, then you must prove this through the sun. Jesus came to do good and 'destroy the works of the devil'. (1 John 3:8). He came 'not to destroy people's lives, but to save them'

(John 3:17; Acts 10:38; 1 John 3:8; Luke 9:56)

If you think God is judging nations for various laws passed, or for socially agreed-upon sin, then you must prove this through the sun. He came to redeem us from our sin by revealing the love and goodness of God in Christ, not holding our trespassers against us (2 Corinthians 5:19).

There is certainly a future day of judgement (Matthew 25:31-33; 1 Corinthians 4:5), but now is not that day.

If you have seen the Son, then you have seen Father (John 14:9). This is final. It doesn't say you have seen some aspects of the Father.

Seen Jesus shows us everything we need to know about the Father. Nothing about the Father is hidden

from us.

(John 1:18; Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:1-3)

Jesus only did and said what He saw the Father doing and saying (John 5:19; 12:49). If Jesus did not say or do it, neither does the Father!

Jesus represented the entire godhead, not just the Son. (Colossians 2:9; 1:15; John 1:18)

The same message the apostle John declared to us is now our message to declare to the world:

'God is light; there is no darkness in Him' - 1 John 1:5

JESUS IS THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD, AND THE TRUTH ABOUT US.

'Jesus Christ alone reveals the Father' - Charles Spurgeon

'The New is in the Old concealed, the Old is in the new revealed' - St Augustine

'Jesus Christ is perfect theology' - Bill Johnson

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION



- In what ways does this chapter challenge or cause you to rethink some things you may have thought about Jesus or the Father?
- Why do you think it is crucial that we interpret the Godhead solely through the revelation of Jesus?
- Do you feel more comfortable to approach God for intimacy and relationship knowing that you can fully understand His love, nature and intentions through Jesus?

LESSON 3

JESUS CAME WITH A MINISTRY (TO MODEL THE NEW COVENANT + THE KINGDOM OF GOD)

To fulfil the old covenant law as our substitute.

Have you previously compare yourself to the 12 disciples when you read the Gospels?

Have you define yourself by their actions, or found comfort for brokenness in your life by pointing out the brokenness in their lives? We must understand that in the 4 Gospels, none of the disciples were born again yet. There is only one person who is comparable to a Christian in the Gospels: Jesus Christ For his first 30 years, Jesus is ministry was to fill the old covenant law perfectly, which He did. Have you ever thought about why Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist? Did he need forgiveness of sins? Of course not even John the Baptist protest Jesus' request for baptism, wrongly thinking Jesus was coming to baptise him. Jesus responded to John:

'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.' Matthew 3:15

Jesus' baptism represented his death and resurrection. It represented the death of a person who had fulfilled all the righteousness of the old covenant law, finishing man's end of the old covenant requirement as our substitute.

'For Chris is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.'
Romans 10:4

Why did Jesus never have disciples for his first 30 years? Because He had no intention of discipling people to obey the old covenant law. Rather, as soon as he modelled the new covenant, he gathered disciples to acquit them in the same way of life!

To model the new covenant and the Kingdom as our example.

Once Jesus had fulfilled the law for us, his second ministry was to model what a human being, in a right relationship with the father and free from sin, could look like.

Here is the process Jesus went through:

- He fulfilled all the righteousness the law demanded of us (Matthew 3:15)
- He was water baptised, symbolising His death and resurrection (Matthew 3:13-17)

- He then was filled with the Spirit (Luke 3:22; 4:1, 14)

Jesus became the first born again, water baptised, and spirit filled new covenant Christian!

He was fully God and fully man the eternal son of God, but he modelled the power and love of the normal Christian life as a man for his final three years. He walked with Father

God, understanding the truth about his son ship, showing us how we can live.

From the day he emerge from the desert in the power of holy spirit, his entire life ministry changed. He gathered disciples to train in the truth, preach the kingdom of heaven and repentance, and displayed the love of God wherever he went (Matthew 4:17; Luke 3:23).

Jesus is the truth about you, period. Once you are a new creation, looking at Jesus is like looking in a mirror! He is the only person in the entire universe who you should look at to find your true definition and identity.

WE MUST NOT DEFINE OURSELVES BY THE ACTIONS OF THE DISCIPLES IN THE GOSPELS. INSTEAD, WE MUST DISCOVER OURSELVES IN THE PERSON JESUS.

'Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty year of age'....Luke 3:23

Jesus showed how we, as sons and daughters, can express his very life now, united with him in the world which needs to discover his love.

WE LIVE IN HIM SO WE CAN LOOK LIKE HIM!

Here are some powerful passages, showing us that Jesus became our example.

'Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the father' - John 14:12

'For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was there any guile on his tongue.'

- 1 Peter 2:21-22

Whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.' -

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"whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked." - 1 John 2:5-6

1 John 4:17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world.

Colossians 2:9-10 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

Ephesians 5:1-2 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Romans 8:29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

As we can see, Jesus' first ministry was of completing the law on our behalf what is substitutionary work; His second ministry was our example an invitation to live the new covenant life because the cross makes us just like him. Gone are the days where a few holy, consistent and powerful Christians are the exception in the church. The priesthood is waking up to its identity and walking in understanding. We are all empowered in our new nature to follow in his steps. He has not given us an unattainable standard here, but an empowering invitation as those who have been made like him.

After Jesus' death when the disciples were born again, they came to understand this truth by the power of the Holy Spirit, they begin to walk like Christ.' The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.' - Acts 5:16

The Kingdom of the Son

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; Just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. But this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.' - John 13:34-35

Even though the miraculous and the power of God is very exciting, let's never forget the main thing: The best example Jesus gave us was not power; It was love and fellowship with the father. Jesus invites us to deeply acknowledge, receive, and find peace in his perfect love. That way we can truly represent Him well to the world around us as the spontaneous result of our intimacy with Him.

What are ultimately the greatest thing Jesus displayed to the world was the love of God.

Eagerly desire the gifts, but pursue love (1 Corinthians 14:1). As we discover our true righteous identity in Christ, the manifest love of God should become the churches most recognisable trait. Jesus says the world will know his disciples by their love (John 13:34 -35). Yes, we will walk in power, purity and miracles galore, but love should ultimately transcend and overshadow it all. It is love that will win nations. Love never fails.

JESUS DID MIRACLES, BUT HE WAS LOVE.

We must not let the enemy condemn us with this revelation. Jesus' life is an exciting invitation, relationally sustain. It is not a standard that condemns us but one that exhaust us in who we truly are. He is a mirror for who we are, not a measure of what we are not!

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION



- Have you view Jesus as your example as well as your saviour before reading this chapter? How does this change the way you might read the Gospels?
- If you can look at Jesus life now and know that you are in power to fully look like he did, what is it about his life that you are most inspired by?
- How much you fight any feelings or lies of pressure to 'live up to' or strive to look like Jesus in light of this revelation?

LESSON 4

JESUS CAME WITH A MOTIVE
(INTIMACY WITH US, GOD'S
ULTIMATE DESIRE)

The desire of God is to know us..

God describes the very heart of the new covenant, we see his purpose is a relationship. It is a covenant of an intimacy of him in you and you and him. Look at what he has to say about his desire for you, revealed by the new covenant you live in:

'For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be there God, and they shall be my people. And they shall not teach, each one his neighbour and each one his brother, same, 'know the Lord,' for they shall know me, from the least of them to the greatest. So I will be merciful towards their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.' In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.' - Hebrews 8:10-13

All will know Him. Intimacy, relationship, and love: these are at the heartbeat of the new covenant. The reason all will know Him is because He will "be merciful toward their (our) iniquities and remember their (our) sins no more." This is righteousness: the removal of our sins and the gift of our right standing with God. Righteousness is the reason we can know the Father. Righteousness is the good to the place of intimacy with God.

Ecclesiastes 3:11"He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart..."

And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." John 17:3

He has placed this desire of intimacy on every human heart. Everyone wants a King like Jesus some just don't know it.

START AT THE END AND YOU WILL NEVER GO WRONG.

Intimacy empowers freedom from sin.

Do you know how Jesus lived a life completely free from sin? Your answer might initially be that it was because He never had a sinful nature. However, Adam never had a sinful nature either before He ate from the tree, but he still sinned. Similarly, Christians all over the world do not have a sinful nature but can still live in sin. So how did Jesus do it? It was possible for Jesus never to sin because His nature was not conducive to a sinful life. The same goes for us. But what kept Jesus from sin was His value for a relationship with the Father.

Remember, Jesus was fully man and fully God. He was tempted in every way, but was without sin (Hebrews 4:15). He had the same capacity to sin as we do. Was it because He had the perfect revelation that He never sinned?

No. The Bible tells us Jesus had to grow in wisdom and stature (Luke 2:52). It was not His wisdom and revelation that kept Him from sin, it was His intimate trust relationship with the Father that He never compromised.

Relationship is built on trust. It was when Adam broke trust with God, trusting the devil instead, that he removed himself from the relationship with God that had kept him free and sustained the clarity of his identity. When you dwell intimately in the Father's love and His thoughts toward you, you are not easily deceived by lies. Never believe the lie that freedom from sin results from revelation alone. Freedom from sin is ultimately sustained by intimate relationship. Revelation can help, but ultimately it exists to facilitate the relationship.

YOUR REVELATION IS ONLY AS GOOD AS THE INTIMACY WITH GOD IT PRODUCES.

Righteousness enables intimacy

Your revelation of righteousness is like a door. When you open the door and go through it, you enter the bedroom, the place of intimacy with God. If you are not careful, you will stand at the door, study the door, teach about the door, even argue about the door, but never walk through it. Don't be known for how well you understand the truth or can discuss doctrine. Be known for knowing Him.

KNOWING JESUS AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

Righteousness are the hinges that make a wall a door, walk through it.

We must become a "Jesus people" not a righteousness people or a new thing people we must be known by how well we know Him.

Acts 4:13 - Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

Luke 10:38 - And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

We must learn to sit at His feet and listen to who we are and who He is and know Him intimately rather than making something He didn't order.

RIGHTEOUSNESS IS NOT THE END GOAL; IT IS THE ENTRANCE TO INTIMACY.

The cross declares you are worth the blood of God Himself. The cross declares your forgiveness. You are of the highest value to the Father. He could have destroyed humanity after our Adamic fall. He could have started over. But He saw you from before the beginning. He saw that you would believe in Him and pursue the relationship He created to have. He decided you were worth all the pain, loss, and destruction that would result from the fall. He would at least get you. He loves you more than you can ever truly know.

ORANGE TREES DON'T PRODUCE APPLES; THEY NATURALLY REPRODUCE ORANGES BY YIELDING TO THE SOIL AND SYSTEM THEY ARE CONNECTED TO. WE HAVE BEEN GRAFTED INTO THE VINE AND WHEN WE ABIDE WE YIELD GOOD FRUIT.

In the world we perform to get our identity and *then* we are accepted, In the Kingdom we are accepted which makes us a son or daughter and *then* we do what God is calling us to do.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION



- What are some practical ways you can cultivate more of an intimate and dynamic walk with God?
- If intimacy with God is the deepest desire we have, and leads to the most fruit in our lives, what are some ways the enemy would try to hinder us from intimacy with Him?
- How might you fight any feelings or lies of distance, guilt, shame, condemnation, or other things that try to hinder intimacy with God?

BASIC TRAINING RESOURCES

Lesson 1

Read - All scriptures mentioned in Lesson 1 as re-cap

Watch - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shMoMQqOFgk>
Dan Mohler Identity

Podcast - Heralds of Righteousness - Liam Swaine

Activation - meditate on your identity , write out something that is about how God sees you.

Lesson 2

Read - In Adam vs In Christ statements daily this week

Watch - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3kK9ZHmo-Y> Graham Cooke Because He loves you

Podcast - Sarah Cheesman interview with Bill Johnson <https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/the-happy-prophet-podcast/id1448620178?i=1000490851709>

Activation week 2 Prophecy over 2 people

Lesson 3

Read - Romans 6

Watch - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ACsnVt_fhc - Todd White testimony

Podcast - God is good- Liam Swaine

<https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/glory-city-church-melbourne/id1473080234?i=1000457881920>

Activation week 3 pray for Healing for someone.

Lesson 4

Read - Lesson 1, 2 & 3 again

Watch - Heidi Baker Intimacy with God. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i_yraEYZQMw

Podcast - Knowing your enemy <https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/glory-city-church-weekly-sermon/id1479366749?i=1000504349358>

Activation week 4 - Spend an hour in silence with Him and see what He says.

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