

Formation: Being with Jesus //

Week 5

Devotionals

Day 1: Abiding in Christ

Scripture Reading: John 15:4-5

Devotional:

In the quiet of this moment, let us ponder the invitation to abide in Christ. Consider how a branch thrives when connected to the vine, drawing sustenance and life. In the same way, our spiritual vitality depends on our connection to Jesus. As we begin this week, let us commit to making our home in Him, allowing His love to shape us from the inside out.

Reflection Question:

How can you practice abiding in Christ throughout your daily routine?

Day 2: The Enjoyment and Knowing of God

Scripture Reading: Romans 11:36

Devotional:

Today, we contemplate the purpose of our existence: to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. How can you practice the presence of God in even the most mundane tasks of your life? Let us embrace the call to enjoy God in all facets of life. God is not just a concept or a distant force; He is a personal God desiring a relationship with us. Today, seek to know Him more deeply, beyond mere intellectual understanding, to a heartfelt experience of His presence.

Reflection Question:

What are practical ways you can practice the presence of God?

Day 3: Simplifying Our Lives for Jesus

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:6

Devotional:

In the hustle of life, we can easily get distracted. Jesus taught us the value of seeking God in secret, away from the noise and demands of the world. Let's take a step today toward simplicity, making room in our hearts and schedules for quiet times with the Lord. Today, identify one aspect of your life that you can simplify to create more space for God. It could be decluttering your physical space, limiting your screen time, or reducing your commitments. Use this newfound space to engage in secret prayer, allowing God to meet you and reward you with His peace.

Reflection Question:

How simplifying your life can create more space for intimacy with Christ?
Identify one area where you can reduce complexity or clutter to focus more on God?

Day 4: The Transformative Power of Beholding God

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:18

Devotional:

Today's focus is on the transformative power of contemplating God's glory. The act of beholding God's glory is transformative. As we fix our gaze upon His holiness and love, we are changed, reflecting more of His character. Spend time meditating on the nature and character of God—His holiness, beauty, and love. As you behold Him, invite the Holy Spirit to change you into His likeness, degree by degree. In your prayer time, seek to see God's glory in all aspects of life and ask Him to transform you into His image.

Reflection Question:

What does it mean to 'behold' the glory of the Lord?
How does beholding God's glory in prayer change your perspective on your daily life?

Day 5: The Prize of Following Jesus is Jesus

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:8

Devotional:

As we close this week, let's center our thoughts on the ultimate prize of our faith journey—knowing Jesus Christ intimately. Reflect on the surpassing worth of this relationship, which is more valuable than any earthly gain. In your prayer today, express your desire to know Christ more deeply. Ask God to reveal Himself to you in a personal and powerful way, so that you may truly gain Christ and experience the fullness of His joy.

Reflection Question:

In what ways can you prioritize your relationship with Christ above all else?
What has gaining Christ and experiencing him been like for you?