

# INSIDE THE CIRCLE

## SERMON-BASED QUESTIONS

MAY 28 + 29, 2022

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### MY STORY

1. Is there a story from your childhood that your parents love to tell about you? Share it.
2. Is there something in your life you thought you had control over, but through time and experience realized you didn't? Explain.
3. Over the past year, what has been the biggest thing you have learned about yourself?

### IN REVIEW

Can you recite the two memory verses from last week? (Romans 8:6 and 2 Corinthians 10:5) How did these two verses affect you? Did one verse have more of an impact on you than the other?

### DIGGING DEEPER

This weekend, Pastor John talked about keeping in step with the Spirit and how our spiritual habits directly tie into our attunement to the Holy Spirit. Below are 3 points Pastor John gave to help us remember:

1. *Control what you can today.*

Read Romans 12:1-2 and answer the following questions.

- a. What does it look like to offer yourself as a living sacrifice? How often do we need to do this?
- b. What does it look like for our minds to be renewed? What does that look like in your life?
- c. Read through these bullet points below regarding spiritual habits. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through them. Use these statements and questions as springboards to reveal things about the spiritual habits that form us. From your initial/gut responses to these questions, where are growth areas?
  - What do your mornings look like? Are they paced out slowly with time for listening and responding to the Lord? Are they fast or disheveled?

- What would you do with a \$100 bill you found on the street? Do your thoughts go to others or yourself? How would you describe your giving to the Lord and His Church?
- What does your downtime look like? Is it filled with matters of the world (social media, shopping, running around, etc.)? Is it filled with spiritual habits that form you, seeking out others, loving or caring for others?
- When you are alone and quiet with your thoughts, where does your mind wander? Does it lean into unhealthy layers of sin and temptation? Does the truth of God's Word surface?

2. *Allow the Holy Spirit to control what we cannot.*

Read Romans 8:26-27 and answer the following questions.

- What stands out to you most in these verses? What do you learn? Discuss.
- What are some things you cannot control?

3. *Just today.*

Read Matthew 6:33-34 and answer the following questions.

- What does it practically mean to seek His Kingdom and His Righteousness? How do your actions compare to your thoughts?
- What are indicators in your life that show you are anxious or worrying? How do you surrender those?

**CALL TO ACTION | 5, 5, 5:** If you feel spiritual habits are a growth area, try starting with the 5, 5, 5 method. Of the spiritual habits, choose a combination of 1, 2, or 3 to spend time in each day. (*For Example:* 5 minutes of prayer, 5 minutes of reading Scripture, 5 minutes of listening or meditating). If your spiritual habits are in a healthy rhythm, memorize the verse below.

*Romans 12:1-2, NIV*

*"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."*

## TAKING IT HOME

This is boots to the ground. How will you practically (and actually) put the "Call To Action" section(s) from above into practice this week?