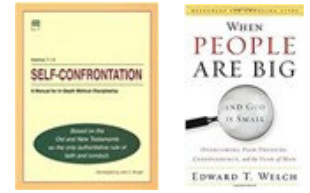


When: Wednesdays| Beginning September 7, 2022
Where: Worship Center 119-120
Cost: Textbook: *Self-Confrontation Manual* - \$25
Additional Reading: *When People are Big and God is Small* - \$10



Homework Commitment:

(View [Cornerstone Intro Video](#) for Instruction)

LEVEL 1: No Written homework – about 1 hour/week

- Highly recommended that you read lessons in the Self-Confrontation Manual
- Highly recommended that you read *When People are Big and God is Small*

LEVEL 2: 1-2 hours of homework per week

- Read lessons in the Self-Confrontation Manual (including: look up all scriptures listed in the lesson boxes)
- Use the attached “Cornerstone Homework for Level 2” for Written Homework*
- Read *When People are Big and God is Small*

LEVEL 3: 10-14 hours of homework per lesson (or about 8 hours per week)

***Required for those who’d like to become counselors at NCC**

- Read lessons in the Self-Confrontation Manual
- Look up every scripture reference in each lesson
- Complete all of the Homework* listed at the end of each Lesson in the Self-Confrontation Manual. (Note: Homework is listed in a check-box format and in a dailydevotion format. You may choose which format works best for you.)
- Read *When People are Big and God is Small*
- When you complete all of the Level 3 Homework, contact Jeremy Pray to discuss nextsteps to becoming a counselor

***How to Turn-In Written Homework:**

- Complete written homework using Microsoft Word
- Sample Homework format attached
- Email to jpray@northcreek.org.
- Subject line of the email should state: **Cornerstone Homework Lesson # ___**

Format your homework similar to this sample, then email it to jpray@northcreek.org

Name
Cornerstone LEVEL 3
Date

Lesson 3 Homework

A. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 in my own words:

All Scripture, both OT and NT, is God's words spoken through human authors and therefore has everything man needs to teach, rebuke, correct and train him to be righteous. God intends that His Word be used in this way to make man complete and equipped for good works.

B. What Ps 19 and 119 tell me about the importance of God's Word in my life:

Psalm 19 and 119 say much about the importance of God's Word and how it is perfect, right, pure, etc. yet what struck me most was in Psalm 19 verse 8b, "...the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes." When set in contrast to Satan's words to Eve in Genesis 3:5 ("...God knows that when you eat of [the forbidden tree] your eyes will be opened...") we see that God's Word and Satan's word are promising two opposite things. In whom will I trust, the God of the universe or a created angel with a proven track record of lies and deceit? By living by God's Word, my eyes will be opened to see the blessings of obedience and wisdom; when I fail to live by God's Word I am falling for Satan's oldest trick in the book, which is to get man to rely on anything else but God's Word, leading to a life of separation from God - a loss of communion with my Father.

C. Done

D. See attached BSAF (*not actually attached on this sample*)

E. Done

F. Done

G. Done

H. Testimony

Ten Second Testimony

Very early in my life I realized that I was a sinner in need of a Savior. I knew I wasn't perfect. Through my parents, God presented two clear choices, *Will I trust God to save me or will I save myself?* To trust God means I must put my faith in what he has done through Jesus Christ's work on the cross as my only hope of ever being made right with him. To trust myself means I must earn God's favor on my own. Since I knew I wasn't perfect I surrendered my life to Him then and I live as His servant now.

Thirty Second Testimony

When I was very young I was aware of my selfishness, and therefore knew I was not perfect. My parents consistently taught me that I must make a choice in life early on as to whom I was going to live for – either God or myself. One evening my explained the gospel and (I'm told) asked, "Will you live your life for God or for yourself? That's how my dad phrased the question that day. I chose to live for God. Now that I am older, I have come to understand that trusting God means that I must put my faith in what He has done through Jesus Christ's work on the cross as my only hope of ever being made right with Him. To trust myself means I must earn God's favor on my own – something I cannot do – of which I have already failed to do. I surrendered my life to Him, placed my faith in Jesus Christ and now I continue to live for him now, performing deeds in keeping with repentance, all by the power of the Holy Spirit inside me.

I. Done

J. Course Exam

4. 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3-4; Psalm 19:7
5. God says that the Bible is his words and that they are all we need to live a righteous life (2 Tim 3:16-17). God's Word is living and active and will not only solve your temporal problems, but will also cut to the heart and solve your ultimate problem (Hebrews 4:12).
6. The wisdom of God is revealed by the Holy Spirit in the midst of my problems (1 Cor 2:10-11). The Holy Spirit is with me forever as my Helper, just as Christ was with the disciples (John 14:16). No matter how big, how awful, how long, or how daunting my problem is, I know that my worst problem has been taken care of, namely salvation, and the Holy Spirit is my guarantee that I am forever sealed in Jesus Christ, and therefore I have hope (Eph 1:13-14).
7. Since God commanded us to pray, prayer must be important (Luke 18:1). We are called to imitate Christ, and Christ prayed (1 Pet 2:21-23 "continued entrusting"; Matt 14:23). God delights in prayer (Prov 15:8). God is near to all who call on Him (Psalm 145:18). Prayer is our lifeline during trials (James 5:13-16).
8. If we do not ask according to His will (John 14:13)
If you are not honoring your wife as a fellow heir (1 Peter 3:7)
You knowingly harbor sin in your own life (Psalm 66:18)

Cornerstone Homework for Level 2

Lesson 1

- In your own words, write the meaning of Eph. 2:8-9. Begin work on memorizing Matt. 7:1, 5.
- Explain in writing how you can know for certain that you have eternal life
- Write one verse in its entirety that shows a person's hopelessness apart from salvation provided through Jesus Christ (Lesson 1, pages 2-4).

Lesson 2

- Complete a Bible Study and Application Format (Supplement 3, Page 1) for Psalms 1:1-2.
- Read Biblical Self-Confrontation: An essential For Discipleship (Lesson 2, Page 6), answering each question in order to gain a biblical perspective of your current walk with the Lord. As the first step in correcting any failures or deficiencies, confess your shortcomings, as sin, to the Lord (1 John 1:9).

Lesson 3

- Complete a Bible Study and Application Format (Supplement 3, Page 1) for Ephesians 5:15-16
- Review Preparing a Personal Testimony (Supplement 4). Write a brief sentence or two for each portion of your testimony (Before Conversation, Conversion, and After Conversion). Develop and write a ten-second testimony and a thirty-second testimony following the suggested format of Supplement 4. If you turn in your testimonies to your instructor, keep another copy for your own reference.
- List three Scripture references that tell you of the total sufficiency of Scripture.
- How does the Holy Spirit help you face and deal with your problems? List at least three Scripture references to support your explanation.
- List five reasons (with Scripture references) for the importance of prayer.

Lesson 4

- Choose one verse from one of the principles listed on Lesson 4, page 2, that is applicable to your life and complete a Bible Study and Application Format (Supplement 3, Page 1)
- You are to examine yourself to test the validity of your faith (II Corinthians 13:5). One NT book (I John) was written specifically to help you know that you have eternal life (I John 5:13). This week, read through I John for your personal study and highlight the verses that present the measurable proofs that God's gift of eternal life is yours. Write how each of these proofs of salvation have been incorporated into your life.

Lesson 5

- Complete a Bible Study and Application Format (Supplement 3, Page 1) for both of the following passages: Romans 12:1-2 and Galatians 5:16-17.
- List five Scripture references that emphasize the importance of being a "doer of the Word."

Lesson 6

- List at least three "statements of hope" in 1 Corinthians 10:13. Then explain each of these statements as though you were telling someone how to have hope in any situation. Also explain how you would use this verse with an unbeliever.
- Romans 5:3-5 and James 1:2-4 state that trials are for a believer's good. In a brief paragraph, describe how you would explain this spiritual truth to someone who has lost hope in extremely difficult trials.

Lesson 7

- As you progress through this week, identify and list at least (5) incidents in which you recognize the problem that God wants you to work on during this course. Remember, it is through your deeds (thoughts, words, and actions) that you show what is in your heart.

Lesson 8

- List at least five biblical steps that must be taken in order to walk again in a manner worthy of the Lord after a person has sinned and has recognized it. Give supporting Scripture verses.

Lesson 9

- Continue to work on the problem you are beginning to overcome biblically during this course by completing a Victory Over Failures Worksheet (Supplement 8, Pages 1-2). Give special attention to those aspects that focus on self (for example self-belittlement, self-gratification, self-pity, self-love, self-exaltation, envy, jealousy, covetousness, or greed. If necessary, refer to the list you have already begun.
- What is the primary problem with a believer emphasizing the "need" to have "good self-esteem" or "positive self-image?" List at least five reasons (with supporting Scripture) why a focus on self in any dimension is contrary to God's Word.

Lesson 10

- Using Lesson 9's Victory Over Failures Worksheet (specifically column 4), add an additional plan for whom you can bless per Lesson 10, pg. 11, 3.C. Make note of the day and time you practiced your plan. Make note of the day and time you practiced your plan. Place a checkmark by the ones you did and record the names of the people you blessed. Give thanks to God for empowering you to bless others.

Lesson 11

- Continue working on the problem you chose earlier in this course by completing a Victory Over Failures Worksheet (Supplement 8, Pages 1-2) on those aspects of your problem in which you have exhibited anger or bitterness. Include specific plans for change in column 4 of your worksheet. You may start a new Victory Over Failures Worksheet or modify the one you have already started.

Lesson 12

- As part of your plan to practice biblical forgiveness, write exactly what you need to say in order to ask someone for the forgiveness of a wrong you have committed against him. If there is someone of whom you should ask forgiveness, do so (refer to C above). Remember you are only responsible for your obedience to the Lord; you are not responsible for another's response.
- Name at least five biblical truths you could tell a fellow believer who said that he "couldn't forgive another." List Scripture references.

Lesson 13

- Complete a Victory Over Failures Worksheet (Supplement 8) for each person you have failed to love biblically and develop a plan by which you will begin to practice biblical love with each of them. (Study Overcoming Interpersonal Problems (Lesson 13, pages 19-23) to implement your plans.

Lesson 14

- In your own words, write the meaning of Ephesians 5:21-22 and 25. Memorize Ephesians 5:21-22 and 25, and begin memorizing 1 Peter 3:1 and 7. Review previous memory verse.
- What are at least five major elements in a biblical marriage? Cite scripture references.

Lesson 15

- In your own words, write the meaning of 1 Peter 3:1 and 7. Memorize 1 Peter 3:1 and 7 and begin memorizing Ezekiel 18:20 and Ephesians 6:4. Review previous memory verses.
- Write a short outline, with Scripture references, of biblical truths to guide your discussion with someone who tells you that love is dead in his marriage.

Lesson 16

- Begin to answer ... What are important biblical guidelines for Christian parents to follow in training up their children? Cite supporting Scripture.

Lesson 17

- What are important biblical guidelines for Christian parents to follow in training up their children? Cite supporting Scripture.
- What is the purpose of discipline? When is it necessary to discipline a child? Cite Scripture references for your answers.

Lesson 18

- What are five key areas for discussion with someone suffering from depression? Cite Scripture references.

Lesson 19

- List five specific steps of biblical action a person suffering from fear and worry should take. Cite Scripture references.

Lesson 20

- Write a brief paragraph *(with Scripture references) describing how God has broken Satan's power.

Lesson 21

- List at least twenty specific biblical steps a person should take to overcome a life-dominating sin.

Lesson 22

- Complete your personal testimony about the biblical changes that have occurred in your life during this course. Refer to Course Exam (Lesson 23, Page 3) under your Testimony of Self-Confrontation Results for guidance in preparing your testimony. Also, be prepared to give your testimony verbally in class.