

PATHWAYS

A FAIL-PROOF PLAN FOR HOW TO GROW SPIRITUALLY

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS // JOHN 4:1-42 // DRINK FROM THE RIGHT WELL

1. Was there anything about the message today that you found particularly helpful? Anything you'd like to discuss further?
2. Was there anything from our discussion last week that you'd like to report on? Did you act on any of your "next step" commitments? If so, tell us about it.
3. Which of the "barriers" to worship most resonated with you? Which do you struggle with most often when it comes to your personal times of worship.
4. Personal worship often takes place through what some call "private spiritual disciplines." Share what spiritual disciplines best position you to experience communion with God. Why is that? What does it look like?
5. Gary Thomas wrote a book entitled "Sacred Pathways." In it he lists different pathways people travel to connect with God. Which of these most resonate with you? "Loving God... (1) outdoors, (2) with the senses, (3) through ritual & symbol, (4) in solitude & simplicity, (5) through confrontation, (6) by loving others (7) with celebration, (8) through adoration, and (9) with the mind." How do you/have you connected with God through each of these mediums? What others might you add?
6. Pastor Wes talked about the need for (1) a time, (2) a place and (3) a plan if you want to grow in your pursuit of God through personal worship. What is your time, place and plan? Has it changed over the years? How so?
7. Talk about what you do when you experience a season of "spiritual dryness" in personal worship.
8. In light of today's discussion, what are some practical next steps that you can take this week to apply God's Word to your life? How can we help you/pray for you so that you're successful in that effort?