

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Nov 2

Letting Learning Become Formation

- Gary reminded us that the goal isn't simply "informational" but "formational."
- Where in your spiritual life have you noticed yourself gathering knowledge without seeing much transformation?
- When you take in spiritual content—like a sermon, podcast, or book—how do you help it sink in and actually shape your life instead of just adding to what you know?

Obstacles to Embodying the Spirit

- The message described how "layers" — our histories, preferences, attachments, and even church scars — can make it difficult for God to break through.
- Which "layer" do you most identify with right now?
- What helps you notice when those layers get in the way of embodying the Spirit's presence?

Mystery and Miracle

- Gary asked if we could be "a community comfortable with both mystery and miracle."
- What makes it difficult for you to live comfortably with spiritual mystery — not being able to control or explain how God is at work?
- What, if anything, feels mysterious to you right now in your walk with God, and what practices help you remain open to that mystery?

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All of Life as Spiritual Formation

- "The classroom for our formation is all of life."
- When have you recently noticed God forming you in an ordinary or unexpected moment — not through a Bible study or teaching, but through everyday life?
- If God can use anything to shape us, what would it look like to go through your week with a little more curiosity and wonder about how He's at work?

Formation Through Fellowship

- The message gave tangible examples — laughter at a chili night, conversations over coffee, supporting one another in crisis — all as spiritual formation.
- What kinds of shared experiences most deepened your sense of belonging in a friendship, group, or local church?

Resisting the Urge for "More Programs"

- Gary warned against the assumption that spiritual growth requires new programs or classes.
- Where do you find yourself wanting to add or "fix" things rather than noticing what God is already doing?
- How might you reframe "growth" to include simple, consistent presence?

The Long Obedience

- "Wouldn't it be far healthier if we settled in for a long obedience in the same direction?"
- What does "long obedience" look like in your stage of life or faith right now?
- What temptations or frustrations make that kind of endurance difficult?

Seeing and Celebrating What Is

- He urged us to appreciate "the spiritual richness and beauty we already enjoy."
- What evidences of the Spirit's work — subtle or dramatic — have you seen in our church family recently?
- How can gratitude for those things reshape the way we move forward together?