

Fuel Bible Study

The Forgotten Way: Week 5 – Surrender to See

The Fourth Declaration

“You will only see who you are and thus be who you are as you surrender your attachment to all other identities, which are like gods of a lesser power that block your vision of your true identity and keep you in darkness.”

I. Forgotten Way Schedule

- a. October 5: Video from Ted Dekker. Orientation – The elephant in our room
- b. October 12: God is infinitely good
- c. October 26: Being a child of God, the Father; Made in the likeness of God
- d. November 2: Seeing who you are
- e. **November 9: Surrender**
- f. November 16: Love, Joy, and Peace
- g. November 30: Our Declaration

II. Tonight

- a. 6:00 – 6:15: Sign in and nametags
- b. 6:15 – 6:30: Review and teaching
- c. 6:30: Dismiss into groups
- d. 6:35 – 7:20 Answer questions in small groups
(If your group finishes questions early go around and have each person share briefly 1 thing that has impacted them from the night’s study and 1 prayer request they would like others to be praying for them)
- e. 7:20 – Back to the sanctuary
- f. 7:25 – 7:40 Closing prayer and dismissal

III. Meditation 12 – See like a child and be free

Big Picture: The difference between childishness and childlikeness - To know the Father is to be in intimate communion with the heart of God. In Jesus’ Kingdom maturity looks like childlikeness

- *Childlikeness means to be trusting of God, the Father*
- *Childlikeness means resting in the love and grace of your Father*
- *Childlikeness means believing and accepting that you are accepted*



Questions from meditation 12

1. Think back to the last time you were caught up in a moment of worship. There, the things of this world grew strangely dim. In that moment, did you feel threatened by your circumstances or did you feel free?
2. What does it mean to you to be like a child?
3. Think of a time when you know that God was calling you out of the boat to step on the water despite all of the circumstances that seemed to be threatening you. What happened?

IV. Meditation 13: Beautiful, beautiful brother and Savior; Surrender to sight

Big Picture: An examination of Hebrews 5:7-9 that details Jesus' surrender to God's will in the Garden of Gethsemane. "Not my will but yours be done." The beauty and ease of surrender – Now that we know how good God is and now that we can see our new identity we can freely experience His love. As we do this, He corrects what distorts our vision and we are able to let go of the things that are out of alignment with Him (surrender)

Questions from Meditation 13

1. What does it mean to surrender all you think you know, to be who you truly are?
2. Describe a time in your life when you experienced pain and yet found yourself transcending that storm to find peace
3. As you meditate on the thought that Jesus learned obedience through all that He suffered as recorded in Hebrews 5, what new thoughts come to you? Does it draw you to Him or away from Him?

V. Meditation 14: Step out of your prison

Big Picture: All of your life now comes down to a simple choice – In every moment what do you choose to believe? What do you choose to see? Will you believe the lies of the world, the flesh, and the devil, or the truth of who Jesus is and who you are now? Think about what this looks like in various situations you experience throughout your day

Questions from Meditation 14

1. In this world, do you feel more enslaved or free? Explain
2. A divided mind lives in confusion and misery. Share a few things that most frequently divide your mind
3. What would your life be like if you abided in the vine, never being tossed like a wave on a sea of confusion and hard choices? Do you think this is possible for you in this life?

"When you know only a drop of the Father, your heart is as full as the ocean. When you only see a glimmer of His light, your eyes are like the sun. When you know only the tiniest seed of Jesus, you blossom in the tree of life."

