

Fuel Bible Study

The Forgotten Way: Week 4 – Seeing who you are; Renewing the mind

The Third Declaration

“Your journey now is to see who you truly are, for you are the light of the world, the son or the daughter of your Father, a new creature flowing with more beauty and power than you have dared imagine possible.”

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. TBD 11/23 or 11/30: Our Declaration

II. Tonight

- a. 6:00 – 6:15: Sign in and nametags
- b. 6:15 – 6:35: Review and teaching
- c. 6:35: 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 8

***Big Picture:** There are two kingdoms or realms for us to be aware of – The physical realm (temporal) and the kingdom of heaven (eternal). Having an understanding of both will enable us to “see” clearly and allow us to correctly relate with both.*



Questions from meditation 8

1. When you think of Heaven, how do you picture it?
2. Now picture the Kingdom of Heaven – the one Jesus said isn't coming with signs because it's already in your midst (within you). Try to describe it.
3. What would you say is your biggest challenge to seeing the Kingdom of Heaven which is now here?
4. Are you a spiritual person having a physical experience or are you a physical person having a spiritual experience? Explain

IV. Meditation 9: What defies earthly eyes - Seeing who you are

Big Picture: *All that is perishable are beautiful gifts... but only as you let go of them can you find true delight in them. In order to enjoy the gifts God gives we must cease finding our identity and value as a person in them. Think of things you gain value from - your profession, motherhood, fatherhood, marital status, bank account, looks, etc... They are blessings but they are not who you are.*

Questions from Meditation 9

1. Name some temporal roles you have played or currently play in this temporary world. Which roles bring you the most joy?
2. Who would you be without those roles?
3. If you had to let go of every physical role you play, which one would be the hardest to let go of and why?
4. There are many roles we play that don't serve us well. What roles are you attached to that work against your ability to see and abide in who you are as the son of daughter of God?

V. Meditation 10: Seeing in the dark – the power of a renewed mind

Big Picture: *Shame and deception are blinding agents, but Jesus' love reverses their effects and brings sight to the blind. Through a renewing of the mind, empowered by the Spirit, one can see.*

Romans 12:2: *Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God. ~HCSB*

Questions from Meditation 10

1. If you had a renewed mind, how would you see yourself right now?
2. Imagine for a moment and answer, how would a renewed mind filled with love, joy, and peace see the world and the people in it?
3. How is that different from how you have seen yourself and the world until now?
4. What are the most threatening waves on the sea of your life right now? Is there a way for you to see peace in the midst of that storm?



VI. Meditation 11: Seeing is believing – The enlightened heart

Big Picture: *Jesus is the light of the world and in Matthew 5:14 he declared that you are the light of the world as well. In Jesus' light, all darkness flees. In His light shame is replaced by honor. In His light grievances are traded for forgiveness. In His light sorrow turns to joy. We now get to receive, enjoy, and share that light!*

Mat 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;"

Questions from Meditation 11

1. Realizing that we can see peace instead of grievance in any situation is a difficult thing for many to grasp. The world and its problems can appear bigger than life. How does the teaching that states Christ has overcome the world and in Christ we have overcome with Him, enable us to experience peace?
2. How do you think about yourself, your past, or your current situation? Do you condemn yourself? How does that make you feel?
3. How would you feel if you were able to let go of that offense against yourself?
4. In what ways do you reflect the heart of the Father?

