Fuel Bible Study

The Forgotten Way: Week 3 – Being a child of the Father; Made in the likeness of God

The Second Declaration

"You are remade in the likeness and glory of your Father, finite yet already complete in union with Yeshua – you in Him and He in you, risen with Him and seated in heavenly places. Nothing can separate you from His love."

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 4: The Story of You

Big Picture: The first Adam "blew it". The 2nd Adam (Jesus) restored what Adam lost. Now that we have become born-again through faith in Jesus we have become a new creation in Christ and as such we have a new identity. A study of the term "In Christ" in the Bible will begin to give us an idea of exactly what that means. (See in Christ handout)

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Questions from meditation 4

- 1. Do you have any fears that cause you to question your salvation? What are they?
- 2. What is one key lesson you have learned from the story of two Adams and you?
- 3. Who was more powerful in their affects upon the world the first Adam who condemned all through one act of disobedience, or the last Adam, Jesus? How? (Romans 5:12-21)
- 4. Being restored in Christ, in what ways do you now experience communion with your Father?

IV. Meditation 5: Seeing who you are

Big Picture: When we begin to understand and believe the truth of who we are now, we will no longer cling to the endless list of vain things this world attempts to offer us. What we have in Christ is so much better, and when we "taste and see" that He is good, the things of the world begin to lose their flavor

Questions from Meditation 5

- 1. How do you believe God sees you right now?
- 2. Why do you think it is so easy for us to go blind to who we truly are?
- 3. What do you think it means to be seated with Christ in heavenly places right now?
- 4. Are you aware of being "in Christ" right now?

V. Meditation 6: The Great Mystery (Jn. 14:20; 1 Cor 6:15-17)

Big Picture: In John 14:20 Jesus made the statement that He is in the Father, we are in Him, and He is in us. This meditation discusses the implications of that statement

Questions from Meditation 6

- 1. If you are in Christ and He in you right now, as one just as He is one with the Father, how does that change the way you see yourself?
- 2. How does that union affect the way you see others?
- 3. How does that union affect the way you experience this life?
- 4. Did you read the story of Superman? What did you get out of it?

VI. Meditation 7: Sons and Daughters of the Father

Big Picture: Because we are in Christ and He is in us, we are children of God

Questions from Meditation 7:

- 1. What is your biggest challenge to seeing God as your Father?
- 2. What does it mean to be a son or daughter of God?
- 3. What do you think would be some of the benefits to being a child of God?
- 4. In what ways do you reflect the heart of the Father?

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