

True Spirituality; Becoming a r12 Christian, May 22-25

WHY LEARNING COMMUNITIES? ***Circle Two Opportunity...***

To become better and better disciples of Christ TOGETHER so we can face ***anything*** through...

1. Deeper learning of Biblical truth
2. Stronger “iron sharpening iron” relationships

Ephesians 4:12–16 (ESV)

Review:

- ***About a relationship***, not rules, not activity
- About understanding that Jesus is the **ONLY WAY** for us to be in right standing with God
- **The RESULT** of true spirituality is rest, refreshment, and joy!
- Surrender is **TAUGHT** and **MODELED** by Jesus Himself
- Surrender is **the CHANNEL** through which God's biggest and best blessings flow.
- We are in a **REAL BATTLE** against satan and a world system designed to destroy us
- God's Word is the **KEY** to winning the battle and transforming our hearts and minds

Session 4: Coming to Grips with the Real You

How do you come to grips with the real you?

Romans 12:3 (ESV) For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

1. **What does Jesus teach about how we are to view _____ ?**

Luke 14:11 (ESV) For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

- Do you have an exalted view of yourself or a self-deprecating view?
- Can you have both, and what does that look like?
- Now ask God, “How do You see me?”

When you exalt yourself, you will be humbled by God.

Proverbs 16:18 (ESV) Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

Humility is not thinking of yourself at all.

2. How did Jesus's life show us "the way" to obtain an accurate self-view?

- No one can give you an accurate view of your life, but _____ alone

He made you who you are, **AS YOU ARE.**

✠ *Even Jesus needed to hear from God Who He is*

Matthew 3:16-17 (ESV) ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son,^[b] with whom I am well pleased."

Luke 9:34-35 (ESV) ³⁴ As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!"

Every one of us needs someone to tell us who we really are

- Stop looking to the world to determine who you are.
- He wants to use you to speak into the lives of others. You have to do this from the Word of God
- Heaven is not an equal opportunity employer

STOP THE COMPARISON GAME

- Comparison leads to **death**
 - ✠ I need to understand who I am in Christ
 - ✠ I need to be in a community where people will be honest with me

⇒ What is the most affirming thing you have ever heard?

⇒ What are the primary messages you received from your parents that have shaped your view of yourself?

⇒ Who or what are the top three people or events that have shaped how you view yourself today?

3. What is Jesus saying to you about your need for an accurate self-view?

Luke 12:48 (ESV) But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.

✝ _____ is acceptable...

John 15:15-16 (ESV) ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

✝ _____ is able

1 Peter 4:10 (ESV) ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace

✝ _____ is accountable

2 Corinthians 5:10 (ESV) ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

- ✓ I must get into God's Word and understand who I am in Christ.
- ✓ I need a community of believers in my life who will help me have an accurate self-view.

Throne Room Question:

What am I doing with the time, energy, effort, platforms, influence, and talents God has given me?

TAKEAWAYS:

