

Series 1 Mentee Materials: Identity

Session 1-1

Application to your life

- Verse 6: He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus
 - What good work has He begun in you?
 - Do you see it becoming more perfect (more like Jesus) over time?
 - If not, what needs to change?
- Verse 9: Paul prayed that their love would grow in real knowledge and discernment
 - Are there any areas of your life where you are seeking real knowledge and discernment (truth about right and wrong)
 - Where do you seek answers?
 - What are some areas that you know you have already grown in real knowledge and discernment
 - What has been helpful for you?
- Verse 11: having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ
 - What does it mean to you to be filled with the fruit of righteousness?

Deeper reflection

- Do you feel God's pulling on your heart in any areas of your life?
- What action do you feel that God is leading you to take to grow in your walk with Him?

Session 1-2

Application to your life

- Verses 6-7: Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and He will have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon
 - Are there ways you notice God's compassion in your life, and how He has abundantly pardoned you?
 - Think of both recent and past instances of God's compassion
- Verse 8-9: For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.
 - In what ways do you think God's thoughts might be higher than your thoughts?
 - Do you think your thoughts are becoming more like His over time, or less?
- Verse 11: So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire
 - What do you believe the Lord desires in your life right now?
 - Why do you believe this?
- Do you notice God speaking to you?
 - What does He ask of you?
 - Are you willing to do what He calls you to do?

Session 1-3

Application to your life

- Verse 2: The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death
 - Are you living victoriously as though you have been set free?
- Verse 4: so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit
 - What does it mean to walk according to the Spirit?
 - Do you find yourself being led by the Spirit?
- Verse 5: Those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit
 - Have you set your mind on things of the Spirit?
 - How can you tell?

Deeper reflection

- If a follower of Christ has her mind on the flesh rather than the Spirit, what impact on her life do you think that may have?

Session 1-4

Application to your life

- Verse 14: When He died for us, a part of us died with Him so that we would not live for ourselves but for His purposes.
 - What does it look like to live for yourself versus living for God?
- Verse 16: Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh
 - How would viewing others in light of eternity change the way you interact with them today?
 - Where in your life are you doing this well?
 - Where could it use your attention?
- Verse 20: As ambassadors for Christ we are in the ministry of reconciliation - the restoration of broken relationships
 - Are there relationships in your life that need reconciliation?
 - What would reconciliation look like?
 - Most importantly - are you reconciled with God?
- Verse 21: He made Him who knew no sin to be sin our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him

Deeper reflection

- How do you help others reconcile with God and with each other?
 - What is your ministry?
- Are you open to what He might call you to?
 - What is the cost of disobedience?
 - Why follow Him?