



Session 11

Character Development

INSTRUCTOR



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Goals

This 14-session course will focus at the Definition of “Christian Spirituality”; a gospel-driven Spirituality; Christ – the goal of our spirituality; the role of the Holy Spirit in our spiritual formation; 4 aspects of God the Father that are cornerstones in spiritual formation: sovereignty, holiness, love, pleasures of God.

Sessions Overview

1. Foundations
2. Christ as the Foundation
3. The Holy Spirit-Introduction
4. The Holy Spirit and New Birth
5. The Holy Spirit and Control of Body
6. The Holy Spirit and Impressions
7. The Holy Spirit and Help
8. God's Sovereignty
9. God' Holiness
10. God's Love
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12. God's Pleasures
13. Gospel Driven-Part 1
14. Gospel Driven-Part 2

Session Summary

Christian spiritual formation requires self-examination and God-examination. In this session, we explore how loving God so much causes brokenness in our life, and how that brokenness affects our leadership over, and submission to others.

Fill in the Blanks

1. Share an example of sinful behaviors you no longer engage in because you love Jesus more. Next, share an example of something that is difficult for you that you do because you love Jesus.

2. Our love for Jesus allows us to forgive those who have hurt us. Spend some time in prayer asking God if you are holding on to anything that you need to let go of and forgive who has hurt you.

3. How does Dr. Beck define brokenness? What does King David say in Psalm 51 about brokenness?

4. How does recognizing our brokenness impact our leadership over others? How does it impact our submission to others who lead us?

5. What is the difference between being self-driven and having a drive that comes from God? List Gordon Macdonald's eight characteristics of a driven person. Do any of these stand out to you?

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6. Working multi-culturally can be very challenging, especially due to our human sinful nature. How can loving God break us of this sinful nature and allow us to lead cross-culturally?

7. Jesus is the perfect example of a leader. Share some examples of Jesus as a servant leader.

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8. Explain how we become a servant leader like Jesus by loving God so much, and experiencing brokenness.
