



Session 6

Maturing Your Spiritual Life

INSTRUCTOR



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Goals

In this session, we look at the lifelong process of becoming like Christ, focusing on the three stages of life: simplicity, complexity, and second simplicity. Dr. Aždajić encourages us to know ourselves, embrace the mystery of God, and to remember that we can know theology and be arrogant, but we cannot know God and be arrogant.

Sessions Overview

1. Christian Disciplines
2. The Human Condition
3. Prayer
4. Community and Priesthood of all Believers
5. Decision Making and the Will of God
- 6. Maturing Your Spiritual Life**
7. Joy and Rest for the Soul

Fill in the Worksheet

1. Dr. Aždajić says there are two halves of life. What are some things that make up the first half?

2. What are some things that Dr. Aždajić says keep us from growing in our progression towards the second simplicity?

3. What does breaking and being broken produce in us? In what areas have you experienced this in your life?

4. What is the benefit of embracing mystery?

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5. “You can know _____ and be arrogant, but you cannot know _____ and be arrogant.”

6. What are some things that you are afraid to let go? What steps can you take to trust God with them?

7. Memorize 1 Corinthians 2:1-5.