

LEADERS NOTES

- Open In Prayer

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Small Group Leaders Lunch SUNDAY Jan 28 after the morning Service

Last Weeks Key point: : Living between this earthly kingdom and God's Kingdom, we live as In-betweeners. In-betweeners can only live completely satisfied, not as broken cisterns, in this earthly residence, by living in a yielded daily life to the Holy Spirit. Am I living yielded to the Holy Spirit?

Follow up and review last weeks What was it about?

What stood out? What Impact did it have on you, at work, with your family

This Weeks Passages Read aloud: 2 Cor. 13:14; Philipians 2:1-2

This Weeks Key point: The level of your soul health determines the health of one's relationships. One cannot have true fellowship with another if you are walking in the darkness.

Question: Do I have true fellowship with my brother or sister? Do I have true fellowship with God? When is the last time I confessed my sin to God? My sin to another?

Redefine: "Fellowship " in your own terms

Is there such a thing as a biblical fellowship? What does it look like? What are its characteristics? Why should it matter to me?

What does the Holy Spirit have to do with fellowship?

Biblical 'Fellowship' means to share in; participation; communion; assension to it – act of coming into possession of a right, title, office, etc....; consent, agreement; approval [Koinonia 2842].

Read: -1 Jn. 1:5-7 What Are the implications of this Passage?

What is the KEY trait spoke of in this passage?

Read out loud:

12 **Put on** then, as God's chosen ones, **holy** and **beloved**, **compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience**, 13 **bearing** with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, **forgiving** each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these **put on** love, which binds everything together in **perfect harmony**. 15 And let the **peace** of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called **in one body**. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with **thankfulness** in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." -Colossians 3:12-17

Discuss briefly what it really means to put on something. _____

Discuss the difference of the bold vs underlined words _____

This material is to spur questions and discussion. Let the Holy Spirit guide the conversation. You DO NOT have to "get through" all the material. But to affirm the "point" of the lesson.

Prayer Items

- Government re: Rights issues
NOT in the law or constitution

LIVE IT:

Reflecting on what the Holy Spirit is revealing to you,
What is God asking you to do about today's discussion?
*Who **will you allow** to hold you accountable to this?*
*For you personally, what **do you need to adjust** in your day to put the Holy Spirit more center?*

Looking at Col 3:12-17 **discuss** what a church would look like if We wholeheartedly practiced what we preach. To each other, to our community; our relationship to God. _____

-1 Jn. 1:8-10 "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and His word is not in us." -1 Jn. 1:8-10

Why does God confront us with our sin? So that we can have true fellowship with Him and each other. Sin separates us from Him and from each other, making our communion less effective and uninhabitable by the Spirit.

Since each of us is the temple of the Holy Spirit, if I let sin reign in my temple, **what becomes of the church?**

What is the biggest hindrance to a Holy Spirit fellowship? Pride.

"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."

Why do we hesitate from not sharing with each other?

Am I too proud to confess my sin?

Do you have someone in whom you can confide in to Confess to?
*is /was there merit to the roman catholic **practice of the confessional**?*
Pray that we all might find a person of trust in our lives .

Pastor Shannon will be leading a SET FREE weekend at the end of February. Seriously consider attending. It is foundational for us to have a healthy relationship with God and a healthy fellowship with the our body of believers. He will be discussing this more this coming weekend.

So what then?...Guard Your Heart!

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life. -Proverbs 4:23

When we are told to guard our hearts in Proverbs 4:23,

what are we guarding it from?

What tends to make your heart hard?

Pride – keeping the façade of who we want others to see and believe we are than admitting who we really are.

Remember The Illustration of the Dashboard? What are the lights there for?

What happens when we do not heed them?

When the lights on the dashboard go off, my heart needs attention.

Flashing dashboard lights mean I am falling out of fellowship with the Spirit and with others.