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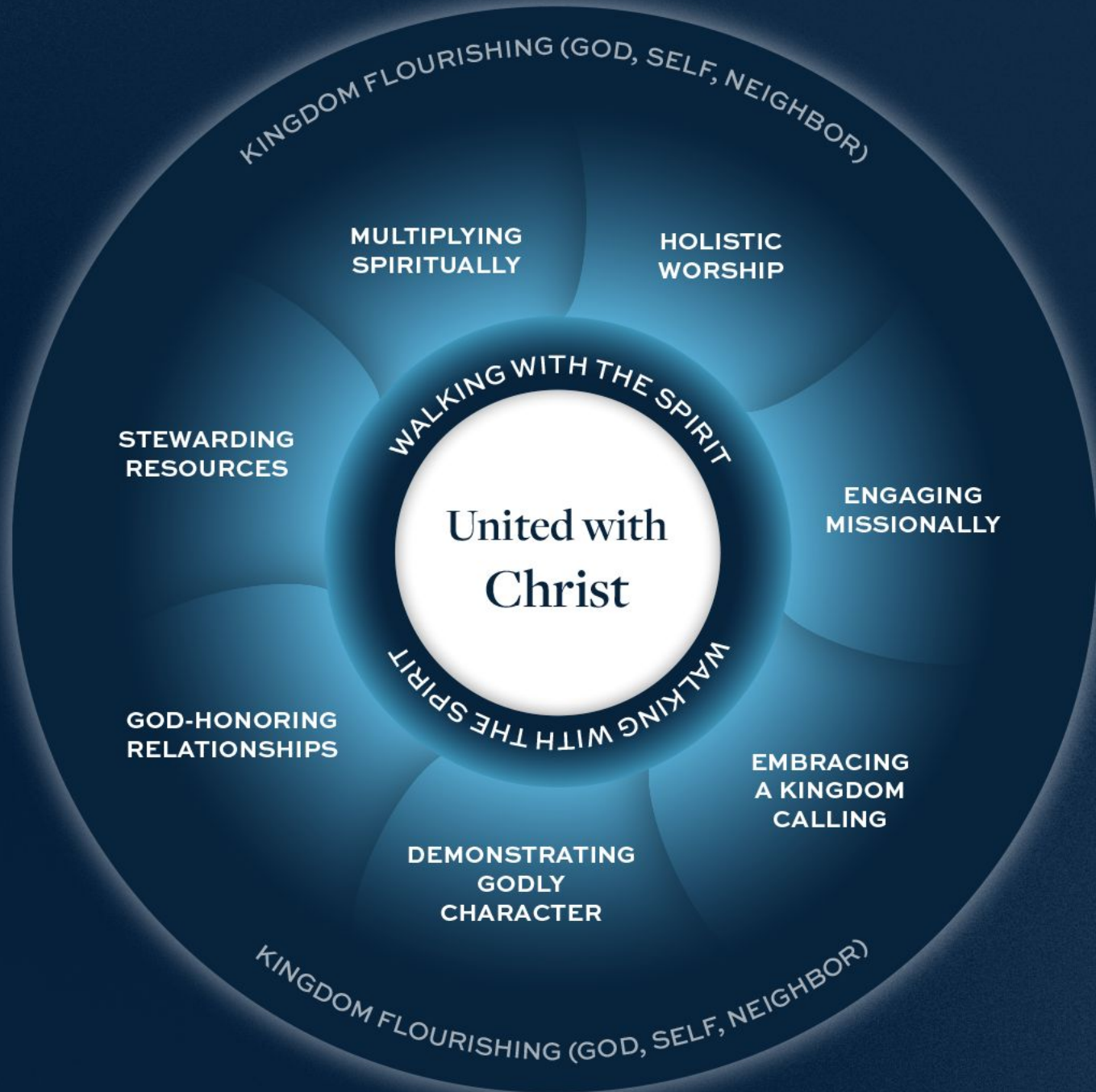
Union with Christ

Ephesians 2:11-22



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Study and Discuss

On Your Own: Read Ephesians 2:11-21.

Write down observations from the passage.

Discuss: Share what you found.

How do you see “Union with Christ” in this passage?

Ephesians 2:11-22

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[18] For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. [19] So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, [20] built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, [21] in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. [22] In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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“The inner dynamic for living the Christian life is right here! Only when I see myself as completely loved and holy in Christ will I have the power to repent with joy, conquer my fears, and obey the One who did all this for me.”

-Timothy Keller

Union with Christ



Remembering FAR (11-12)

Realizing NEAR (13-18)

Restoring GLORY (19-22)

Remembering FAR



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Far without Covenant

Reflection

On Your Own: Take a moment and reflect on the time when you were far.

Discuss: Share with others what being far was like for you.

Reconciling NEAR



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“But now”

Reconciling NEAR



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Horizontal Peace

Reconciling NEAR



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“But now”

Horizontal Peace

Vertical Peace

Reconciling NEAR



“When Paul says he has been crucified with Christ, he’s virtually saying, ‘It’s not the same ‘me’ anymore. It’s not the ‘I’ that tried to work for God and failed every time, nor the ‘I’ that thought the world revolved around him. The pride of the old ‘I’ directed everything to focus on self-esteem, self-confidence, self-direction, and self-exaltation. And it lived for personal pleasure and position. But, my life is no longer about me...because Christ lives in me.”

-David Platt

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Horizontal Peace

Vertical Peace

Reconciling NEAR



“Life with God is not like a motor board, where we are in control of the power and direction. But neither is it like a raft, where we just sit back and are carried along. It’s like sailing. While we can’t control the most important thing — the wind that makes us move — that doesn’t mean there is nothing left for us to do. We have to draw the sail to catch the wind. We must labor to be brought near.”

-Rankin Wilbourne

Reflection

On Your Own: Imagine experiencing vertical and horizontal peace.

Discuss: How might your life look different with God, self, and neighbor?

Restoring GLORY



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As Children

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As Citizens

As Children

As the Church

Conclusion



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Realizing NEAR (13-18)

Restoring GLORY (19-22)

Conclusion



Colossians 3:3–4

*For you have died, and **your life is hidden with Christ in God.** [4] When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*



Reflection

We are in Christ, as citizens, children, and the church!

What conviction(s) are you leaving with today?