



Sunday Equipping



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Icebreaker Questions

In which city do you live? In what area or subdivision?

How did you choose where you shop for groceries?

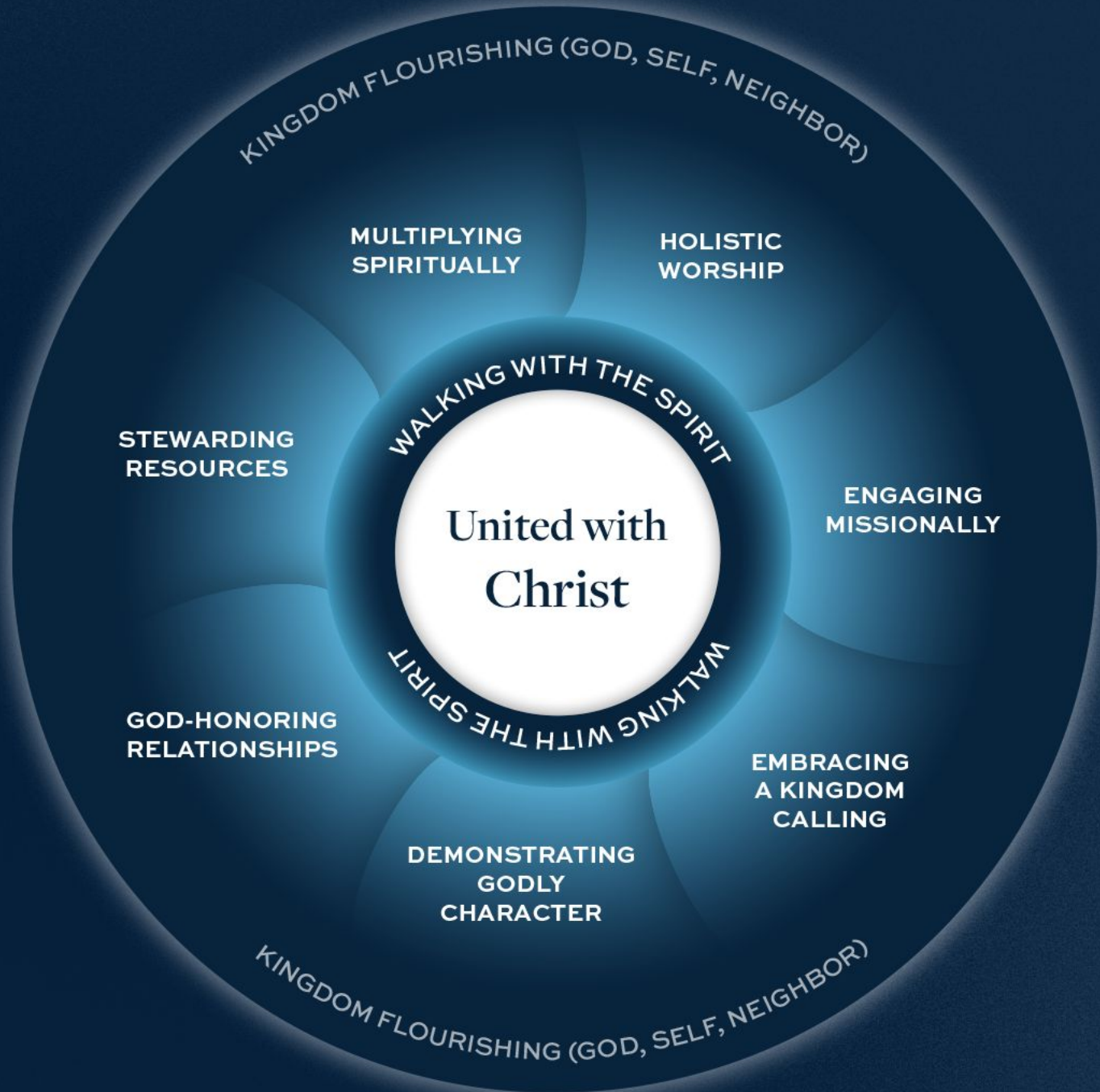


Union with Christ

Romans 6:12-23



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John 17:20-23

²⁰ “I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Union with Christ



“...Union with Christ was once considered to be at the very heart of why the gospel is good news. Nothing is more basic or more central to the Christian life than union with Christ. And yet for many of us, union with Christ might feel vague and shadowy, not central or basic. This has very real consequences for our everyday life with God. As our understanding and appreciation of union with Christ has diminished, so too has our sense of what salvation means. We may know what God has saved us from, but have we lost sight of what God has saved us for?”

- Rankin Wilbourne, *Union with Christ: The Way to Know and Enjoy God*, p. 15

Union with Christ



~~Week 1 - Romans 6:1-11~~

Week 2 - Romans 6:12-23

Week 3 - Ephesians 2:1-10

Week 4 - Ephesians 2:11-22

Week 5 - Colossians 3:1-11

Week 6 - Colossians 3:21-17

Romans 6:12-23

¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:17-18

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Study and Discuss

On Your Own: Read Genesis 3:1-6.

Discuss

- What did the serpent offer to Adam and Eve?
- On what authority was the enemy able to make this offer?
- What was the diabolical trick the enemy accomplished by his deception?

No Third Choice!



Matthew 7:13

“Enter through the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it.”

Romans 6:16

“Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?”

Jesus and Paul agree: **Either you serve sin and die or you serve God and live.**

Westminster Larger Catechism – Question 77

“In [being justified through Christ], sin is pardoned; in [being sanctified], sin is subdued.”

“Grace covers and it also transforms.”

Romans 6:20-23

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Study and Discuss

On Your Own: Meditate on Romans 6:20-23.

Discuss

- How do people attempt to get free of habits, lifestyles, or relationships of which they're deeply ashamed *without* submitting themselves to God?
- How effective are these ways in the long run?

United to Christ: Bound in Liberty



1. We admitted we were powerless over our addictions and compulsive behaviors, that our lives had become unmanageable
2. We came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. We made a decision to turn our lives and our wills over to the care of God.

- from Celebrate Recovery: 12 Steps

United to Christ: Bound in Liberty



“Obedience for the sake of obedience is not our ultimate goal. Obedience driven by fear of what God might do (if we don’t obey) is not biblical obedience. Biblical obedience is driven by what God has already done on our behalf. The end result we’re after is not to love obedience and grow in compliance; it’s to love Jesus and grow in Christlikeness. The aim is not fall more and more in love with the blessings of obedience, but to fall more and more in love with Jesus. This is exactly what Jesus was getting at when he said, *‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments.’* (John 14:15)”

- Jeff Norris in *Rooted: A Lifestyle of Radical Dependence*, p.89

UTC: Suggested Readings



Keep in Step with The Spirit, J.I. Packer

Practicing the Way, John Mark Comer

Rooted: A Lifestyle of Radical Dependence, Jeff Norris

Sacred Rhythms: Arranging Our Lives for Spiritual Transformation, Ruth Haley Barton

The Great Divorce, C.S. Lewis

The Message of Romans (BST Series), John R.W. Stott

Union with Christ: The Way to Know and Enjoy God, Rankin Wilbourne

Reflection

In what way may God be calling you to live under His grace this week?