



Sunday Equipping



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Icebreaker Questions

Have you ever visited or lived in another country?

What made the people in that country unique? What makes the people in America unique?



Union with Christ

Colossians 3:12-17



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

~~Week 2 - Romans 6:12-23~~

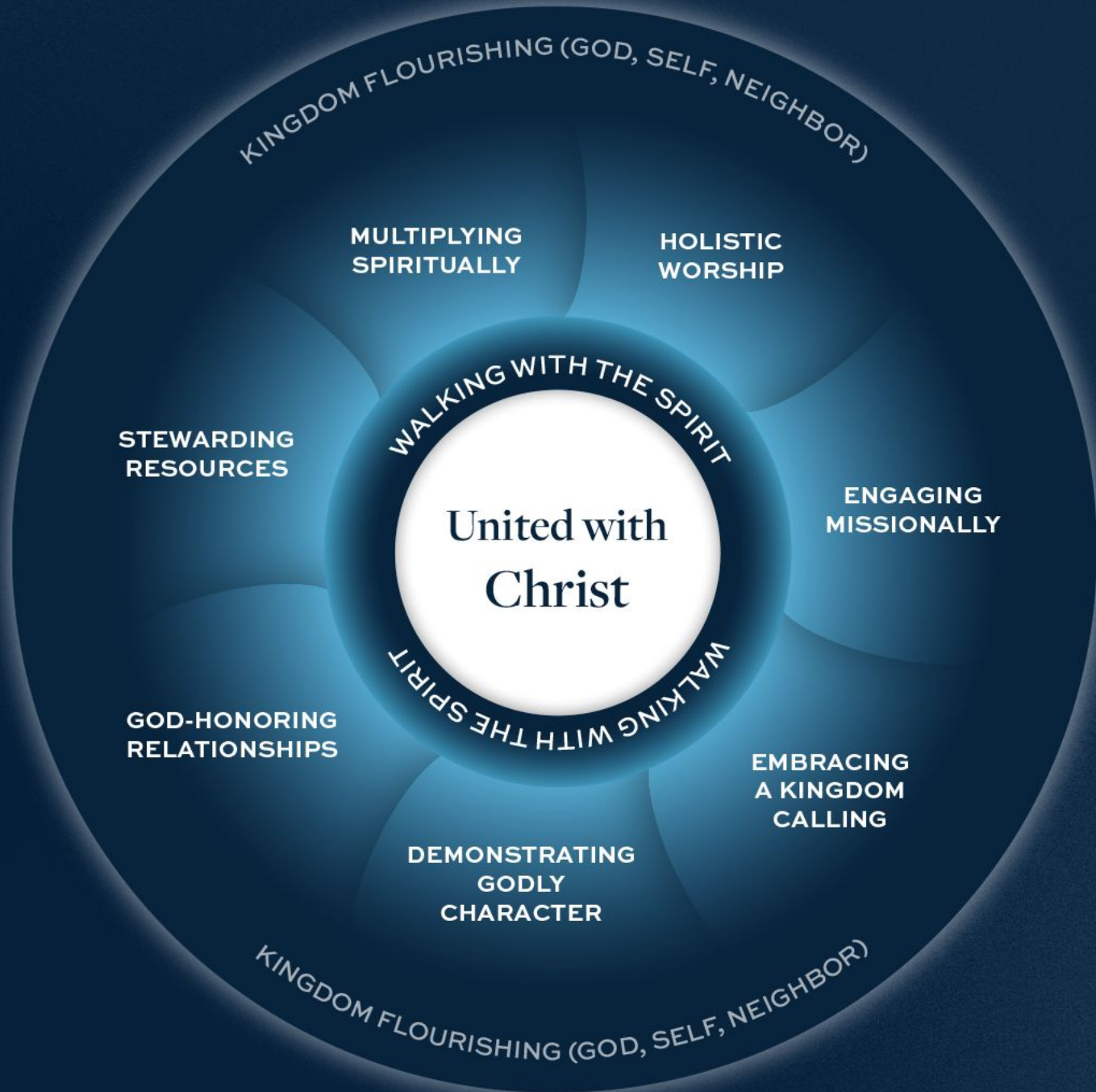
~~Week 3 - Ephesians 2:1-10~~

~~Week 4 - Ephesians 2:11-22~~

~~Week 5 - Colossians 3:1-11~~

Week 6 - Colossians 3:21-17





Warm-Up Questions

How would the world describe Christians today in America?

Should Christians be known for what they are for? Or what they are against?

Study and Discuss

On Your Own: Read Colossians 3:1-17
Write down any observations

Discuss

- What are the distinctive qualities of God's Chosen People?

Colossians 3:12-17

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Big Idea

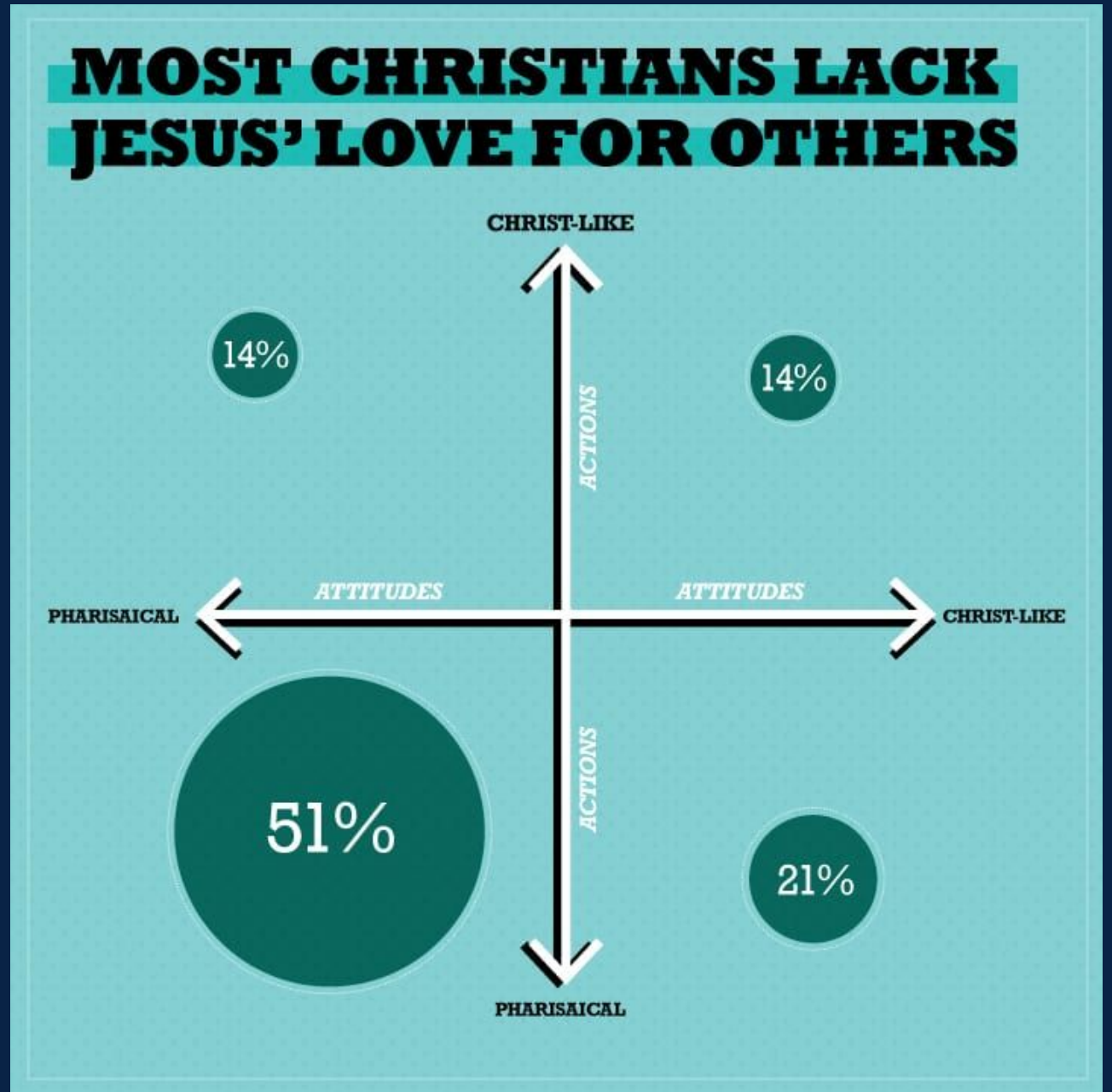


People who live in union with Christ should be noticeably different.

Barna Group Research

84% of young non-Christians say they know a Christian personally, yet only 15% say the lifestyles of those believers are noticeably different in a good way.

A 2007 study said that the 3 most common descriptions of Christians were, “judgmental, hypocritical, and anti-gay.”

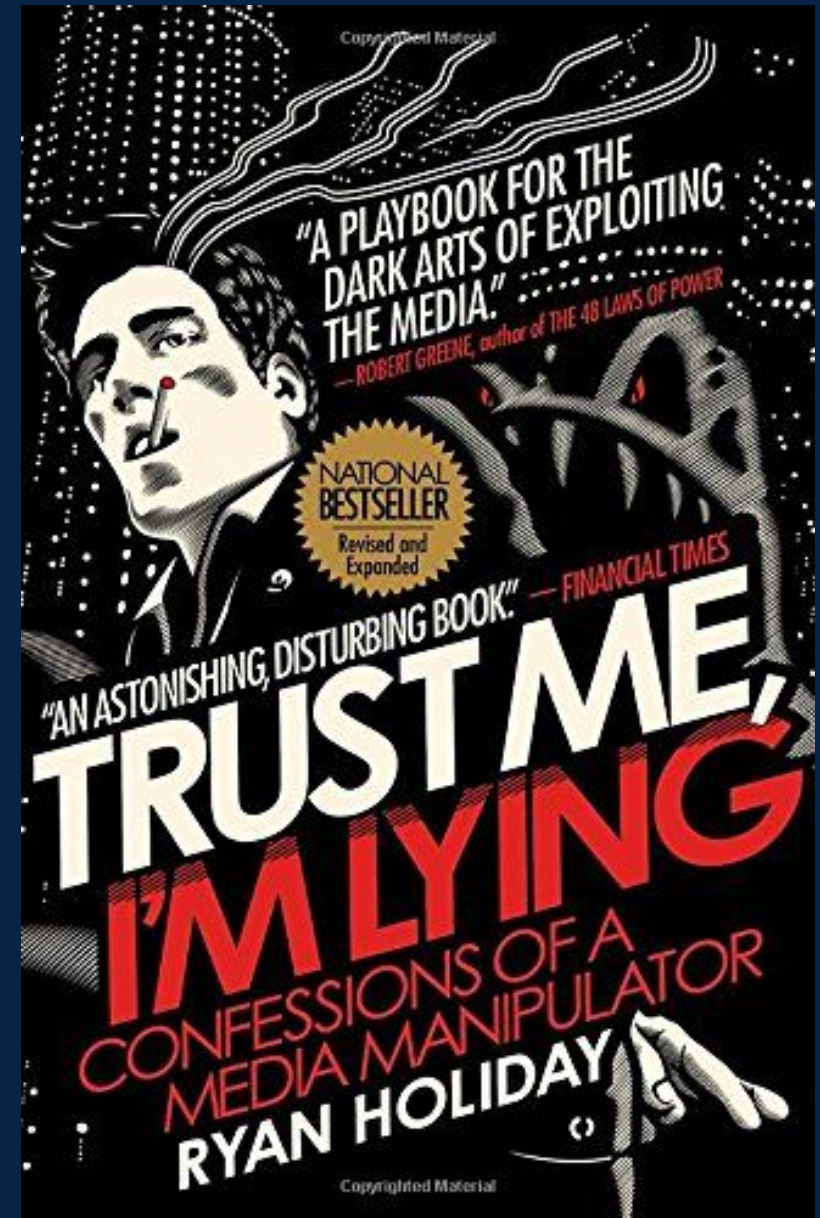


Trust Me, I'm Lying

“The most powerful predictor of what spreads online is anger.”

“it turns out that the more unbelievable headlines and articles readers are exposed to, the more it warps their compass—making the real seem fake and the fake seem real. The more extreme a headline, the longer participants spend processing it, and the more likely they are to believe it. The more times an unbelievable claim is seen, the more likely they are to believe it.”

“How can anyone maintain their sanity when everything you read, see, and hear is designed to make you stop whatever you're doing and consume because the world is supposedly ending?”





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Study and Discuss

Read Psalm 1

Discuss

- What must the tree do in order to produce fruit?
- What must we do in order to produce fruit?

Psalm 1

Blessed is the man

**who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

3 He is like a tree

**planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.**

**4 The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

**5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

**6 for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

United to Christ



Living noticeably different is impossible in our own power, but union with Christ makes it natural.

4 Applications



- 1) Set your _____ on things above
- 2) Don't just _____ sin, you must also _____ the things of Christ
- 3) Leverage modern _____
- 4) Thoughtfully _____ what you watch, read, and listen

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- 3) Leverage modern _____
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Pursue the things of Christ



- 1) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly
- 2) Teach and admonish others
- 3) Sing psalms and hymns
- 4) Give thanks every day

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- 4) Thoughtfully _____ what you watch, read, and listen

Modern Safeguards



- 1) Cut your screen time
- 2) Put your phone down and away
- 3) Leverage tools like the Brick app or Covenant Eyes



4 Applications



- 1) Set your mind on things above
- 2) Don't just kill sin, you must also pursue the things of Christ
- 3) Leverage modern safeguards
- 4) Thoughtfully curate what you watch, read, and listen

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

Reflection

Where are you spending too much time thinking about the things that are not Christ?

What practical steps can you take to plant yourself more firmly in the presence of Christ?