



Gospel Pathway



The Gospel Applied
*UNIQUELY TO YOU
& YOUR GROUP*

Study for

SMALL GROUPS

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HOW TO USE THIS STUDY

As Christians, we desire to become more like Christ through the power of the gospel and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Throughout this discipleship process, God calls us to a deeper knowledge of Him and of ourselves. The more we cooperate with God, the more we understand the greatness of God and the reality of our sin. As we apply the gospel to this new understanding, we grow closer to Christ and begin to resemble him more.

The Enneagram is an ancient personality map, a helpful guide on our journey toward self-knowledge. Based on nine archetypal styles, the Enneagram helps reveal a person's core motivations. Rather than confine us to a "type," the Enneagram simply helps us understand why we do what we do. Though our basic style will not change, circumstances and spiritual health will significantly affect how we express that style throughout our lives.

In addition to being a personality tool, the Enneagram works as a spiritual tool as well, exposing our tendencies toward sin and revealing a personal pathway to repentance. The Gospel Pathway is designed to help us turn away from sinful motivations and self-defeating habits, turn toward Christ, and begin to live in line with our God-given gifts. As we cooperate with the work of God in our lives, we live out our individual style in a redemptive and world-changing way.

WHY THIS STUDY IS UNIQUE

First, this study is built upon a unique assessment. Most assessments today assume that people don't change. But people do change and are created to grow. Gospel Pathway is designed to help you understand your current spiritual state and how to live in light of the good news of Jesus Christ. This fully-customized assessment will help you become more aware of your sinful motivations and provide suggestions for spiritual applications that will help you enjoy Christ and live out your God-given gifts.

Second, this study is impactful for groups because it helps them grow in empathy and unity. You'll watch members have new revelations as they learn one another's stories and

motivations. Most of all, they will learn how to serve each other and speak the gospel in a way that resonates with each individual.

Third, this aims to cultivate a desire to grow together in the knowledge of self, others and in God Himself. We have included the most helpful personal discoveries from our work at Gospel Pathway. Most importantly, we introduce key scriptures and doctrines of grace (albeit not exhaustive). But since too much information can overwhelm a group, in this study we have highlighted the most critical Enneagram information to keep it simple and concise. Rest assured, each individual will be given more content in their online report. This allows members to share their most relevant insights through natural course of conversation. You may also end the study with some group members wanting to know more. When this happens, remember that this eagerness is a good sign of future growth.

You'll find this study is ideal for discipleship or church small groups and Christians in the workplace. It's especially useful in bonding a new group together, taking relationships to a deeper level and growing emotionally healthy leaders.

REQUIREMENTS OF THIS STUDY

Servant Leadership

This study is designed to keep the conversation engaging, encouraging and rooted in the gospel. That said, it's not unusual for a member or two to need a little extra care during the course of the study. Because of this, it is much more effective when a godly leader carries the responsibility of facilitating the discussion and who is available to seek and serve participants outside of regular meetings.

Online Assessment

Because we've designed this study to be simple and accessible to groups, it does not require outside reading or homework between meetings. After Chapter 1, each person will need to take the Gospel Pathway online assessment. This study is built off of the assumption that members will purchase the full report. If one or two members cannot afford to do so, we encourage you to ask the group to help. If you take our Facilitator or Certified Coach Training, we'll also give you a discount for your group members. We also allow churches and organizations to lower the price per participant for a limited period of time (more information at gospelpathway.com).

After the Chapter 1 group study, each individual should take the assessment, purchase the full report and tell you their Enneagram style. Encouraging each participant to print their report and highlight key phrases that resonate with them will enrich discussion. As the group reviews each style through the course of the study, participants who identify with that particular style should come prepared to answer the “Style Qs.” Attentiveness to these details will help individuals share their own uniqueness and make the most of their results, as well as group study time. It also provides for deeper conversations.

Resolving an Unclear Result

It’s common to have a group member or two doubt their assessment report. This often occurs as they compare themselves with other people that have this same style. Should this happen, remind them that this is a motivational assessment and it’s common for two people with the same style to display different behavior.

If they still question their result, remind them that the online assessment allows them to generate a second report based on their second or third highest style. Encourage them to compare the “Motivations and False Beliefs” sections with one another (this is the foundation for each Enneagram style). If there is still no resolve, advise them to email us at info@gospelpathway.com and set up a consultation with us.

BEST PRACTICES

Facilitator Training & Church Campaigns

While this curriculum is designed to stand on its own, we recommend our Facilitator Training webinar. In six sessions, we cover additional material in detail so that you can make the most of each group meeting. You’ll bring fresh insights to your group and individuals that you meet with. We’ll also give you a PowerPoint presentation for each personality style to aid in discussions.

This material is perfect for a church-wide small group campaign. When you or another church leader signs up for the Facilitator Training, we will give your church an affiliate account and a rate for each participant to purchase their full report at a discount. Again, we also allow churches and organizations to lower the price per participant for a limited period of time as well. To learn more go to gospelpathway.com.

How to Plan Your Time

In our experience, we found that a group of 8-12 people will cover each Chapter roughly in one hour, depending on the level of group participation. To help you manage your time, please read this section carefully.

- Chapters 1, 2, 12 and 13 are aligned with more traditional small group study.
 - Please don't skip over them as they are critical to make sure you lay a solid foundation of the gospel and application for the group.
 - As stated previously, after Chapter 1 each person will take the Gospel Pathway online assessment and provide you with their assessment results. It's important to make sure every group member completes this assignment. It will help you plan how much time you'll need to cover the individual styles in Chapters 3-11.
- The time to complete Chapters 3-11 will vary depending upon your desired purpose and the makeup of your group. Here are two options:
 - Purpose #1: If your purpose is solely to build group empathy and unity, cover only the styles that are only represented in your group (skipping the Chapters that are not represented by anyone in your group). Here's how to estimate your time:
 - Each Chapter takes roughly 45 minutes to cover when only one person identifies with the style in that Chapter. For each additional member that identifies with this same style, allow 15 additional minutes per individual. For example, if you're preparing to meet for Chapter 3 and two of your participants are Style 8 estimate your total time to be roughly 60 minutes.
 - Occasionally large groups will have so many members with the same style that it prevents you from covering the whole Chapter in one meeting. If this happens, we recommend that you take two meetings to cover that Chapter. Remember the goal here is not to cover all of the information, but to encourage each other with the gospel toward the common goals of group empathy and unity.
 - Purpose #2: If, however, your purpose is to build empathy and unity PLUS educate your group on all styles of the Enneagram, then cover all the content in Chapters 3-11. Here's how to estimate your time:
 - When you cover a group member's style, follow the directions as explained above.
 - If you have two styles that are not represented by anyone in the group, cover both of those two Chapters in one meeting (estimated time 60-80 minutes).

Create A Safe Environment

Make sure you meet in a private setting such as a home. This helps eliminate distraction and fosters a sense of safety for participants. The study will also be more impactful if you start by sharing a meal together and begin with prayer for each individual.

1 : FOLLOWING JESUS

MAIN IDEA

In God's story we learn that He provides grace in community to help sinners find new life. This also motivates us to deny ourselves and follow Christ.

STUDY OVERVIEW

Over the next seven weeks, we'll learn concepts foundational to applying the gospel to daily living, we'll learn more about ourselves, and we'll learn the importance of living in Christ-centered community. The assessment you'll take after this chapter will help you to better understand yourself—what it looks like to live in an understanding of God's provision (in Spirit) and to fight against your natural desire for independence and providing for yourself (in flesh). In this study, we'll take a look at God's first creations—Adam and Eve. It's in their story where we first encounter the need for the God's grace in daily living.

GROUP Q

What's your favorite story? Please explain why you love it to the group.

GOD'S STORY

(Please have group members take turns reading the following paragraphs.)

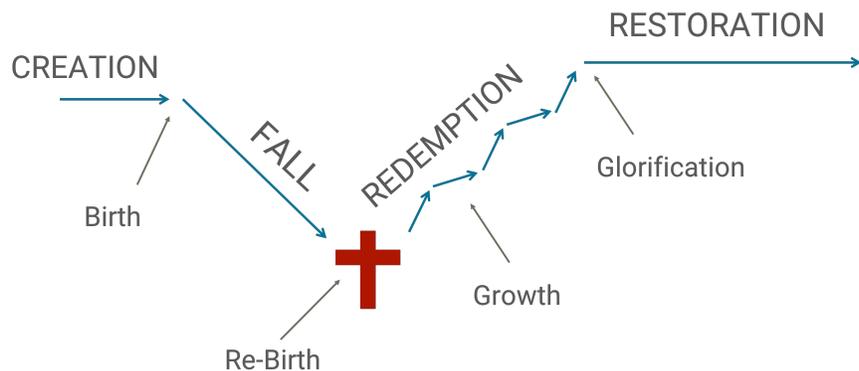
Like your favorite novel or movie, the Bible has a story to tell us. In short, this narrative includes creation, the fall, Christ's redemption and God's restoration of His creation. It is God's story. And yet it should have everything to do with how we view our own story.

In the beginning, God made everything including men and women, created in His image. He wanted them to enjoy a peaceful and flourishing relationship with Him, each other and all of His creation.

But Adam and Eve vandalized God’s creation when they acted on the temptation to “be like God.” While each of us remain a reflection of God, we also inherit Adam and Eve’s sin nature at our **birth**—leaving us spiritually separated from God. Because of their sin, all of creation has fallen from its original design.

Thankfully, God had a plan to redeem everything. Jesus Christ was sent to Earth to pay the penalty for our sin by dying on the cross to give us the gift of salvation. Through a spiritual **rebirth**, believers are liberated from the power of sin and can enjoy peace in a restored family. This freedom in Christ allows us to progressively **grow** to become like Christ once again.

The turning point for believers in Christ is when our old, fallen self dies and God brings us into a new life in Christ’s family (see illustration). This event is a reflection of an even greater event and turning point in God’s story: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



One day, God will restore the brokenness of creation to make everything whole—with no more death, mourning, crying or pain anymore. He will establish a new Heaven and Earth where believers receive **glorified** bodies and spend eternity giving glory and honor to Him.

GROUP Qs

- How does God’s loving pursuit of us make you feel?

- In the gospel, we all share the same story. How does that help us relate to one another despite our differences?

SCRIPTURE

Have a group member read Luke 9:23-24. Next, answer these questions:

- What does it mean to “deny yourself,” “pick up your cross” and “follow Him” specifically for you?
- Living in the power of the gospel daily pulls us from meeting our own needs (sin nature/flesh) into full dependence on God (walking in the Spirit). Why is Jesus’ command so counterintuitive to us?

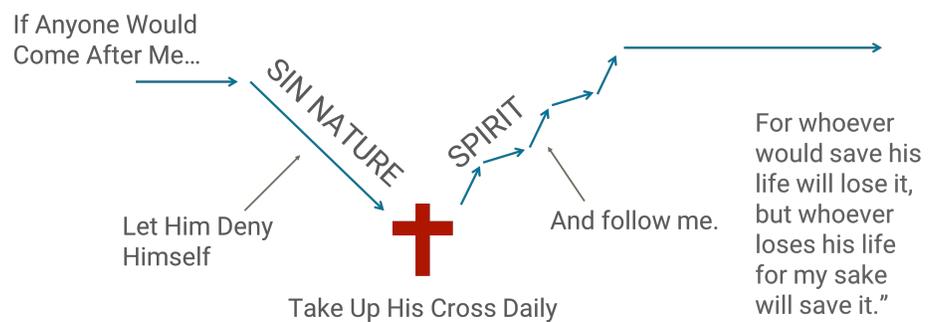
LIVING THE STORY

(Again, have group members take turns reading the following paragraphs.)

Not only does the storyline of life follow the gospel story, but our daily lives are a call to imitate the death and resurrection of Christ. Our spiritual rebirth is a one-time event that frees us from sin’s power over us. We need to be reminded of the gospel daily, because without it we are inclined to trust ourselves and our resources for the things we need, rather than trusting in God and depending on Him.

Consider illustrating Luke 9:23-24 in this way. Christ isn’t calling us to sacrifice our created self. He doesn’t want us to

deny the gifts He’s given us. For example, some of us are excellent at fixing problems. Others of us do a good job of encouraging people, while others of us can intellectually comprehend vast amounts of information. These are all beautiful talents that God has given each of us!



Verse 24 makes it clear that Christ wants us to deny what God didn't create: our old, **sin nature** (also translated "the flesh" in the Bible). Since the day we were born, we have hijacked God's created gifts and used them to try to meet our deepest needs independent of Him. Although being able to encourage others (a gift from God, described above) is, in itself, a good thing, if we're walking in the flesh and meeting our own needs, we begin to find our significance relationally—becoming people pleasers. The gift of problem solving leads to fixating on answers for control when we use it in the flesh. And the gift of being able to comprehend information starts to look ugly in the flesh as a "know-it-all." These attempts to save ourselves actually dehumanize us.

In our quest to "be like God" by meeting our own needs, we deny both God and who we were created to be. Trusting in ourselves to meet our own needs is denying God's identity. Only He is all-powerful and fully capable of meeting needs. And only He is all-knowing, understanding what we need better than we ourselves know it. We also deny our identity. We were created to be dependent on Him and in relationship with Him.

Following Jesus is about believing that He alone has the power to save us and bring us into new life, complete with every provision. We must trust that God in His grace will meet all of our needs, both big and small.

Jesus is calling us to trust our Heavenly Father to meet our needs—for everything from salvation to daily bread. And He's inviting all of us to walk together, free from the snares of trying to "be like God" through the liberating power of His **Spirit**.

GROUP Qs

- How do you hijack your God-given gifts in an effort to meet your needs? How does it hurt you and others around you?

SCRIPTURE

Have a member read Ephesians 4:17-25. Next, discuss the following question:

- What sinful vices does the "old self" display when we don't trust in God?

LIVING IN COMMUNITY

(Please have group members take turns reading the following paragraphs.)

When we isolate ourselves from God and others by choosing independence over life in the Spirit, we become unhealthy. Notice in the list (verses 17-19), the progression goes from the mind to the heart to the hand (or behavior). When we have an unwillingness to let God come into the core of our being, our heart hardens. A hard heart leads to a darkened mind—alienation from the life God intends and an ignorance of who He is.

The author, Paul, is assuming that all the recipients of this letter are Christians. When Paul writes, he wants to make sure that the Ephesians hold tightly to the gifts God gave them, but that they put aside the temptation to use those gifts for the flesh. Haddon Robinson sums up the point here when he says, “You’re no longer who you used to be. Therefore, you can no longer live the way you used to live.”

Paul isn’t simply asking each of us to make a willful decision to be good—not bad—people. He knows that the same gospel that converts the sinner also grows a saint. When we genuinely receive God’s love in our heart, we are naturally motivated to make a willful decision to change.

Thankfully, we do not make this decision alone. In this passage every time the word “you” is mentioned (eight times) it’s plural in the original language. It’s best translated, “you all” (“y’all”). Paul is writing about how the gospel unifies and matures the family of believers. Choosing to be dependent on God instead of meeting our own needs is easier when we do it together.

Consider how living in Christian community changes the emphasis in the passage. Paul is calling for a family decision to lay aside the “old self.” As a group, we rely on the gospel to renew our minds and enliven our hearts as we encourage each other and hold each other accountable. God gave Christ our punishment so that together we could help each other put on our true, authentic and righteous “new self.”

Although much of this study focuses on our individual uniqueness, hearing and speaking the truth of the gospel to each other is the ultimate goal of our time together over the next seven weeks.

GROUP Q

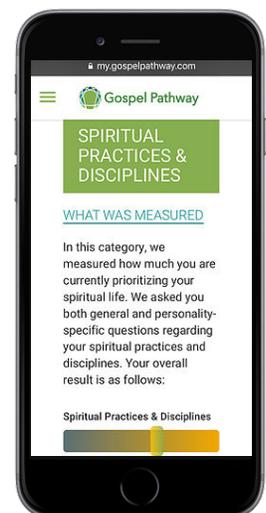
- Consider the Haddon Robinson quote above. What old ways do you think God is calling you to leave behind?

YOUR HOMEWORK

Prior to our next session, go to gospelpathway.com and take the online assessment. Make sure you create an account and purchase the full report. When you are done, tell your group leader your Enneagram style. This will help him or her to plan future meetings.

The assessment begins with a profile called the Enneagram to help you identify your personality style. Next, it asks personality-specific questions about your spiritual life. The result is a profound and in-depth report where the gospel is applied uniquely to you.

It's important that everyone take the assessment as it forms the basis for future meetings. You'll be able to see how God has uniquely created each of us. You'll be able to see how group members approach life and learn more fully how you can encourage them with the grace of God. Of course, they'll be able to do the same for you. As you learn more about yourself and the participants in this group, the goal is to "spur on one another in Christ" and live out your gifts in a redemptive way.



2: PATHWAY TO CHANGE

MAIN IDEA

We use the Enneagram to help you understand your personality and pathway toward growth, but only the gospel gives us the power to change.

GROUP Qs

- What were you good at as a child?
- Which of your childhood gifts have you developed and continue to use today?

YOUR CREATED DESIGN

(Please have group members take turns reading the following paragraphs.)

Last time, we talked about how we can look at our lives as reflections of God's story. We discussed Christ's command to deny our old, sin nature and to follow Him into an abundant life with God. We're going to go further with these subjects today. To help us do that, let's look a little more closely at creation.

In the beginning of the Bible, God blesses Adam and Eve with everything they need to survive and thrive. God set them up as stewards of creation and charged them to **bring order** to it. In fact, God was so intent upon this that He actually suspended the first rain until He created a person to work the ground and co-create with Him. And when Adam was lonely because he had no counterpart like the animals, God **loved** Him so much that He made Eve to be his companion and co-laborer. God placed both of them in a **safe** place—a flourishing garden full of food and His peace. Together, Adam and Eve were a beautiful reflection of God.

SCRIPTURE

Have group members take turns reading Genesis 3:1-13, 21. Next, answer these questions:

- How does Eve respond to the serpent? Where is Adam during this time? What is he doing?
- What emotions do Adam and Eve display after they sinned?
- What was God's response? What do you learn about Him in this passage?

Adam and Eve both sin but they do so differently. Eve wrongly adds to God's Word (that He spoke to Adam) when she says, "neither shall you touch it." Adam stands by quietly. Adam and Eve believed the lie that they could "be like God." When they did so, they rejected God's word and who He created them to be, hijacking God's gifts for their own glory and marring their true, created self.

Scripture shows that "their eyes were opened." It explains that they hid from God because they now **feared** their Maker. Instead of owning up to their **guilt**, they shifted the blame in **anger**. And they covered themselves because of the **shame** of their sin. Trusting in themselves rather than in God left them banned from the place they needed the most.

Yet God still loved them. He even had a plan. God graciously substitutes an innocent animal in their place to cover their sin. This act of substitutionary atonement is a foreshadowing of Christ's work for us. Christ died as a substitute for our sin. God gave Him our punishment so that we could be covered with His righteousness.

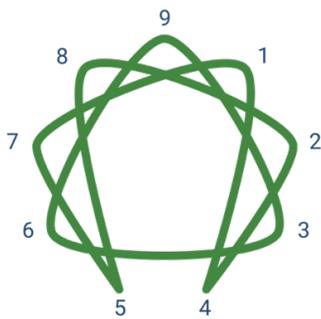
GROUP Qs

- What recent event in your life left you feeling fear, guilt, anger or shame?
- How can these emotions actually become a gateway for the grace of God?

THE ENNEAGRAM

(Have group members take turns reading the following paragraphs.)

Hopefully by now you've taken the Gospel Pathway assessment. As you now probably know, this online assessment is a gospel-centered approach to the Enneagram.



The Enneagram is based upon an ancient drawing, that describes nine personality styles and how each one matures in their own unique way. Interestingly, the Enneagram is organized around our need for **order, love** and **safety**. And it also ties these needs to the emotions of **anger, guilt, shame** and **fear**. Before we unpack these concepts, let us give you more background on the Enneagram and the Gospel Pathway assessment.

While we don't know the origins of the Enneagram, it's clear is that it's been influenced by Christianity. After all, an early version of the historic Christian "Seven Deadly Sins and Virtues" are integrated into it. In a word, each personality style has a pathway of growth from their core sin (vice) to how the individual reflects God when they are mature (virtue).

After assessing your personality, we asked you a series of spiritual questions with the goal of showing you how much you are prioritizing your spiritual life. We hope you have gained some insight into your motives and beliefs and that you are walking away with some practical advice.

Simply put, this assessment is intended to help you grow to become more like Christ. As implied last time, the people who grow the most are those who remember and experience God's love.

GROUP Q

- What was your reaction to your Gospel Pathway report and why?

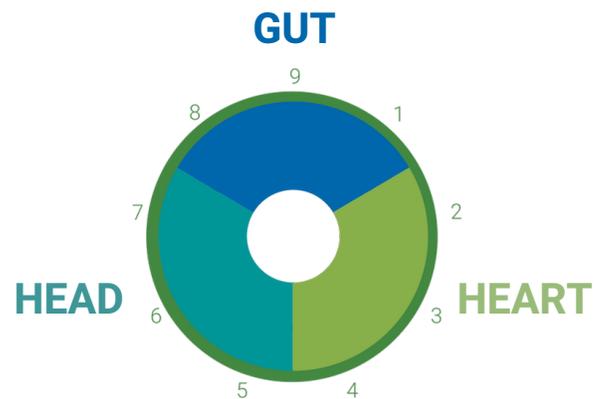
TRIADS

(Again, have group members take turns reading the following paragraphs.)

Our ultimate goal is for your group to see how each person attending here is wonderfully unique. Time will later be given for each person to customize this report and explain who they are in their own terms.

That said, it's helpful to start first with a little over-generalization. The Enneagram groups the nine different personality styles into three different ways that we view, process and relate to reality: through the gut, the heart and the head. The Enneagram refers to these three ways as "triads." We use all three, but one is most dominant in each of us.

The top triad (styles 8, 9 and 1) interprets life through their "gut." Generally speaking, these people have an amazing ability to cope with the hardship of the world by bringing **order**. Now, each style brings order in their own way and we'll unpack that later. This group relies upon a high level of intuition to keep life under control. Of course, they can grow frustrated or **angry** when the world doesn't cooperate. They can also feel **guilty** when they take out their anger on others or feel that they haven't lived up to expectations.



The next triad (styles 2, 3 and 4) interprets life through their "heart." These people grew up dealing with the world by emphasizing **love**. They're usually good at relationships. They desire approval and are good at building an image that helps them get this from others. When others don't perceive them as they want to be perceived, their dominate emotion is **shame**.

The last triad interprets life through their "head." Simply put, they rely upon their thinking to ensure that they get the safety they desire. In a fallen world, it's tough to ever feel **safe** enough. And when they don't, they can be driven by **fear**.

As people made in God's image, we participate with God when we love others by bringing about order, love and safety. As we said last time, the problem is when we trust in these gifts to meet our needs instead of the Giver of the gifts.

God also made us to be emotional beings, like Him. Though anger, guilt, shame and fear can sound negative to you, they are also gifts because they lead us to Him. Think of these emotions like indicator lights on your car's dashboard. They're a call to stop and take a look "underneath the hood." In the same way, our emotions are a call to stop and examine our motivations and driving beliefs. Sometimes they help us see when we are trusting in ourselves rather than God. Examining ourselves in this way can feel painful at times, but it allows God and others to meet us in these moments, bringing healing and growth through it.

GROUP Qs

- What are some examples in life that reveal that God designed us to establish order, love and safety?
- How does God's love meet our needs for order, love and safety?
- Of the four emotions listed (anger, guilt, shame, fear), which one most frequently reminds you to check under the hood? How do you practically do that?
- How can His grace toward you transform your beliefs, motivations and emotions today?

YOUR HOMEWORK

First, if you haven't already taken the Gospel Pathway report, go quickly to gospelpathway.com and take the online assessment. Save your results, purchase the full report and share your results with your group leader.

Second, make sure you know the date when the group will cover your primary style. We'll be covering the nine personality styles in the upcoming sessions, and it's wise to think through the questions on your style in advance. You will find those in the upcoming Chapters.

3 : STYLE EIGHT

MAIN IDEA

In this chapter, the group will cover style Eight of the Enneagram with the goals of better understanding participants that resonate with this style and learning how to encourage each other with the biblical doctrine of "Christus Victor."

GUT TRIAD

Remember that the "Gut Triad" is made up of styles 8, 9 and 1. Let's review this material. These people have an amazing ability to cope with the hardship of the world by bringing **order**. Now, each style brings order in their own way and we'll unpack that later. This group relies upon a high level of intuition to keep life under control. Of course, they can grow frustrated or **angry** when the world doesn't cooperate. They can also feel **guilty** when they take out their anger on others or feel that they haven't lived up to expectations.

STYLE 8: THE CHALLENGING PROTECTOR

As Challenging Protectors, Eights want to protect themselves and others from the injustices of the world. They empower others and protect the innocent. They do this by being resourceful, pragmatic, determined and action-oriented. Eights are direct, assertive and strong, which is evident in the way they relate to others. Eights will move forward with self-assuredness and with the determination to make things happen.

Eights are honorable, loyal and will fulfill their commitments when they have given you their word. They have strength, stamina and tend to be a "take charge" kind of people. Because they are honest and direct in their communication, others may be intimidated by their presence.

Others tend to follow the leadership of Eights because of their strong presence, persuasiveness and protective nature. Eights base their relationships on trust and commitment. They build and maintain lifelong friendships. When their compassion is coupled with their boldness, they can be fearless and inspirational, causing great change in the world.

MOTIVATION & FALSE BELIEF

Eights are motivated by the desire for power and control. They want to protect themselves and others as they are very aware of real or perceived injustice. This motivation is driven by their fear of being weak, vulnerable, powerless and controlled. While they greatly desire protection, they have developed a false belief that they must remain strong and in control.

Eights seek the power and protection that only the gospel provides. When Eights are motivated to create protection for themselves, they operate in the flesh and often become demanding, intimidating and confrontational. But when Eights trust Jesus and rest in His protection, they can improve the world by fighting for justice.

STYLE Qs

(If any group member is a style Eight, have them answer the following questions.)

1. How do you know you're an Eight?
2. What did you learn about yourself from your Gospel Pathway report?
3. What do you like about being an Eight? What's difficult about it?
4. What would you like others in this group to know about you?

SCRIPTURE

Have a group member read Colossians 1:9-14. Next, answer these questions:

- This scripture describes a "life worthy of the Lord" in vs. 10-11a. What traits are used to describe this kind of life?

- What are the benefits of being strengthened with Christ's power and might in v. 11? What are the benefits of His victory in vs. 13-14?
- In what area of life do you need to rely upon Christ's victory instead of your own strength?

APPLICATION

Among other truths listed here, this verse lays out the doctrine of "Christus Victor." This doctrine can be very helpful for Eights to meditate on. It's based on the fact that God is powerful and that Christ's work is victorious over the evil forces in the world. Because of His victorious work, we are transferred from the reign of evil to His reign and given His power to bear fruit of good works.

- In what area of your life, do you need to quit trying to "be like God" and instead praise Christ for his victory?
- If applicable, how can you encourage any Eights here with the gospel?

4 : STYLE NINE

MAIN IDEA

In this chapter, the group will cover style Nine of the Enneagram with the goals of better understanding participants that resonate with this style and learning how to encourage each other with the biblical doctrine of reconciliation.

STYLE 9: THE PEACEMAKER

As Peacemakers, Nines work to resolve conflict and bring balance to their environment. Nines bring calmness to situations and will work to help others feel welcome, accepted and at ease. Nines are nonjudgmental, empathetic and easygoing.

Nines are gifted listeners and great mediators. They are able to see all viewpoints and bring about reconciliation. They are warm, adaptable and unassuming. Nines are easy to get along with because they desire connection with others.

With Nines, what you see is what you get--there is no hidden agenda. They are even-keeled and rarely experience extremes of emotion. Nines value peace, harmony and serenity.

These Peacemakers long for people to experience inner peace and unity.

MOTIVATION & FALSE BELIEF

Nines are motivated by the desire for peace. They seek peace of mind and inner stability in their life. They long to experience and express true peace, to be united with others and for all people to be in agreement. This motivation is driven by their fear of conflict, which causes them to focus on the needs and desires of others in order to keep others happy. By focusing

on others, Nines lose sight of their own needs and desires. While they greatly desire true peace, they have developed a false belief that they must avoid all conflict.

STYLE Qs

(If any group member is a style Nine, have them answer the following questions.)

1. How do you know you're a Nine?
2. What did you learn about yourself from your Gospel Pathway report?
3. What do you like about being a Nine? What's difficult about it?
4. What would you like others in this group to know about you?

SCRIPTURE

Have a group member read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. Next, answer these questions:

- Reconciliation means a relationship changes from alienation to unification. According to this scripture, how does God do this?
- What are the benefits listed here of being "in Christ"?
- How could a reconciled relationship with God change someone from a "Peacekeeper" to a "Peacemaker"?

APPLICATION

While all doctrine is essential for Nines, many find comfort in meditating upon the doctrine of reconciliation. This doctrine is based on the fact that Christ's work moves believers from being alienated from God to being unified with God. Because of this, we are at peace with God and called to help reconcile others to God.

- Since God has charged all of us with the message of reconciliation, who in your life needs to hear this "good news"?
- If applicable, how can you encourage any Nines here with the gospel?

5 : STYLE ONE

MAIN IDEA

In this chapter, the group will cover style One of the Enneagram with the goals of better understanding participants that resonate with this style and learning how to encourage each other with the biblical doctrine of imputation.

STYLE ONE: THE REFORMER

As Reformers, Ones work constantly to improve themselves and the world around them. They do this by following the rules, taking responsibility, and doing everything with excellence. Ones live by high standards, desiring accuracy and order.

Ones are hard workers. You can trust them to do a job and do it right. They are self-disciplined, diligent, and reliable. They do their part and expect others to do the same. Ones are thorough, pay attention to detail, and find comfort in methodically following a routine.

Ones do the right thing. They are known for their integrity, principles, and ideals. Ones value honesty, objectivity, and fairness. Their keen moral compass helps them quickly discern wrong from right and gives them the ability to make corrections easily when things are amiss. They can easily see what is wrong and know how to correct it. Sincere and conscientious, Ones are aware of what's appropriate and strive for respect.

These Reformers do what they do in order to make the world a better place to live.

MOTIVATION & FALSE BELIEF

Ones are motivated by the desire for perfection. They seek after an ideal in all areas of life, feeling that they have done their best and gained a satisfying sense of worth because of it. This motivation is driven by their fear of being imperfect and the feeling of unworthiness and condemnation that accompanies it. While they greatly desire perfection, they have developed a false belief that they must be good and do what is right.

STYLE Qs

(If any group member is a style One, have them answer the following questions.)

1. How do you know you're a One?
2. What did you learn about yourself from your Gospel Pathway report?
3. What do you like about being a One? What's difficult about it?
4. What would you like others in this group to know about you?

SCRIPTURE

Have a group member read Romans 4:4-5. Next, answer these questions:

- What are some difference between a person who works hard to be morally right and a Christian who believes that it is a gift through Christ?
- How does remembering that you're credited with Christ's righteousness change your perspective about yourself?
- What does it reveal about your inner-critic? How can it transform everyday emotions like anger or guilt?

APPLICATION

While all spiritual doctrine is essential for Ones, many find comfort in meditating upon the doctrine of imputation. This doctrine is based on the fact that God is good. Because of Christ's work on the cross, believers are credited, or imputed, with this goodness. Instead of being judged guilty (as we deserve), we are given the incredible gift of being declared morally righteous by God.

- What difference should the doctrine of imputation make in your life?
- If applicable, how can you encourage any Ones here with the gospel?

6 : STYLE TWO

MAIN IDEA

In this chapter, the group will cover style Two of the Enneagram with the goals of better understanding participants that resonate with this style and learning how to encourage each other with the biblical doctrine of adoption.

HEART TRIAD

Remember that the “Heart Triad” is made up of styles 2, 3 and 4. Let’s review this material. These people grew up dealing with the world by emphasizing **love**. They’re usually good at relationships. They desire approval and are good at building an image that helps them get this from others. When others don’t perceive them as they want to be perceived, their dominate emotion is **shame**.

STYLE TWO: THE HELPER

As Helpers, Twos seek to bring unconditional love to the world around them with their gifts of sacrificial love and generosity. Twos are openhearted, nurturing and supportive.

Twos live to help others. You can trust that they will always show up in your time of need. They are compassionate, empathetic and sensitive to the needs of others and will strive to meet those needs. They are generous and hospitable with their time, talent and resources when caring for others. They will be first in offering to meet a need when someone is hurting or sick.

Twos love to encourage. They nurture those around them out of a desire to see others thrive and find joy. They exhibit kindness and grace and connect with others in a truly heartfelt way. They are caring, joyous and humble.

MOTIVATION & FALSE BELIEF

Twos are motivated by the desire to be loved. They seek after approval and gain their worth from the acceptance of others. This motivation is driven by their fear of being unappreciated and unwanted. While they greatly desire unconditional love, they have developed a false belief that they must earn this love by serving others.

STYLE QS

(If any group member is a style Two, have them answer the following questions.)

1. How do you know you're a Two?
2. What did you learn about yourself from your Gospel Pathway report?
3. What do you like about being a Two? What's difficult about it?
4. What would you like others in this group to know about you?

SCRIPTURE

Have a group member read Galatians 4:3-7. Next, answer these questions:

- According to this scripture, what changes are evident in someone that's adopted by God?
- How does being adopted by God impact your need for approval?
- How can you take advantage of the benefits of your adoption in your current struggles?

APPLICATION

While all spiritual doctrine is essential for Twos, many find comfort in meditating upon the doctrine of adoption. This doctrine is based on the fact that God is love. Because of Christ's

work on the cross, believers are adopted into the family of God. Instead of being judged guilty (as we deserve), we are given the incredible gift of being accepted as one of his children.

- Are you living for anyone's approval of you? How does the doctrine of adoption free you from this?
- If applicable, how can you encourage any Twos here with the gospel?

7 : STYLE THREE

MAIN IDEA

In this chapter, the group will cover style Three of the Enneagram with the goals of better understanding participants that resonate with this style and learning how to encourage each other with the biblical doctrine of justification by faith.

STYLE THREE: THE ACHIEVER

As Achievers, Threes set ambitious goals, accomplish tasks and charismatically win others over to their plan. Threes live by hard work, efficiency and competence.

Threes like the recognition that success brings. They want to get the job right and to be recognized for it. They are organized and self-confident. They are focused and relentless until they find victory.

People are drawn to the attractiveness and adaptability of Threes. They are motivating, inspiring and diplomatic. They always seem to “land on their feet.”

Threes can be great leaders. And when they’re self-aware, Threes grow to become well-adjusted team leaders who recruit loyal followers that work together toward a higher cause.

MOTIVATION & FALSE BELIEF

Threes are motivated by the desire for success. They seek to win in all areas of life, but especially at work. This motivation is driven by their fear of being ineffective and experiencing failure. While they greatly desire success, they have developed a false belief that they must achieve at all costs.

STYLE QS

(If any group member is a style Three, have them answer the following questions.)

1. How do you know you're a Three?
2. What did you learn about yourself from your Gospel Pathway report?
3. What do you like about being a Three? What's difficult about it?
4. What would you like others in this group to know about you?

SCRIPTURE

Have a group member read Romans 3:20-24. Next, answer these questions:

- According to this passage, what is the spiritual problem with people?
- Justify means to "declare righteous." What is God's part in justification? What's our part?
- Justification by faith is a doctrine that's changed the world. How does it impact you?
How does it feel knowing that you don't have to earn God's love?

APPLICATION

While all spiritual doctrine is essential for Threes, many find comfort in spending time daily meditating upon the central Christian doctrine called, justification by faith. This doctrine states that God declares believers justified because of Christ's righteousness alone. Because of this, we know that God fully accepts us, regardless of our level of accomplishment.

- What area of your life are you seeking to earn God's favor? How do you need to turn from this and receive Christ's gift of justification instead?
- If applicable, how can you encourage any Threes here with the gospel?

8 : STYLE FOUR

MAIN IDEA

In this chapter, the group will cover style Four of the Enneagram with the goals of better understanding participants that resonate with this style and learning how to encourage each other with the biblical doctrine of expiation.

STYLE FOUR: THE INDIVIDUALIST

As Individualists, Fours desire to live a richly creative life. They see themselves as unique. They are talented at discerning what is truly authentic and they appreciate beauty in the world around them. They long to use their intuition and imagination to inspire others.

Fours are witty, passionate and romantic. They use their introspective nature to understand and express their feelings and moods. They are also sensitive, empathetic and compassionate to feelings and moods of others. They will engage in provocative conversations, exploring mixed motives, differences and conflicts with honesty. They desire deep connections with others and enrich their relationships with an energy and enthusiasm for life.

Fours express themselves freely and artistically—through their dress, language and in how they decorate their personal spaces.

The Individualists remind us of God's creativity and depth.

MOTIVATION & FALSE BELIEF

Fours are motivated by the desire for significance and they want to be unique. Fours long to be true to themselves and to creatively express who they are. They want to stand out and to be seen as special. This motivation is driven by their fear of being seen as ordinary and uninspiring. While they greatly desire to be significant and unique, they have developed a false belief that they must be utterly original and stand out.

STYLE Qs

(If any group member is a style Four, have them answer the following questions.)

1. How do you know you're a Four?
2. What did you learn about yourself from your Gospel Pathway report?
3. What do you like about being a Four? What's difficult about it?
4. What would you like others in this group to know about you?

SCRIPTURE

Have a group member read Hebrews 9:13-14. Next, answer these questions:

- How is Christ's sacrifice better than the old sacrificial system that required the blood of animals?
- Do you have a story in your past where Christ's purified your mind from sin? Please share it with the group.
- How does Christ's work remove the shame of sin and empower you to serve God?

APPLICATION

While all spiritual doctrine is essential for Fours, many find comfort in meditating upon the Christian doctrine called expiation. This doctrine is based on the fact that Christ's work completely removes and puts away the sins of believers. Because of this, we are forgiven of our sin, cleansed of our shame and restored to our authentic self.

- Christ removes both the sinful acts that we have committed and the sinful acts that's been committed against us. Which one of these is especially good news to you today?

- If applicable, how can you encourage any Fours here with the gospel?

9: STYLE FIVE

MAIN IDEA

In this chapter, the group will cover style Five of the Enneagram with the goals of better understanding participants that resonate with this style and learning how to encourage each other with the biblical doctrine of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

HEAD TRIAD

Remember that the “Head Triad” is made up of styles 5, 6 and 7. Simply put, they rely upon their thinking to ensure that they get the safety they desire. In a fallen world, it’s tough to ever feel **safe** enough. And when they don’t, they can be driven by **fear**.

STYLE FIVE: THE INVESTIGATOR

As Investigators, Fives seek wisdom and knowledge to better understand why and how the world works. They want to understand how everything fits together. Through their observations, they are able to find ways to simplify life. They prefer to find truth for themselves rather than taking someone else’s word for it.

Fives are contemplative, innovative and insightful. They have a voracious interest in acquiring data. They are rational and are able to remain calm in the midst of chaos. They are objective and help others to see things from a variety of perspectives.

Fives make great teachers because they enjoy sharing what they have learned. They are logical and stable. They are intensely focused and can spend a lot of time mastering a skill in their areas of interest. They easily lose track of time when they are in this mode. Fives are quite comfortable being alone and are typically private people.

These Investigators long to make sense of everything around them.

MOTIVATION & FALSE BELIEF

Fives are motivated by the desire to be capable and competent. They seek knowledge and find security in acquiring it. Since there is so much to learn and analyze in order to be competent, Fives feel the need to preserve their resources—including energy, time and knowledge. This motivation is driven by their fear of being overwhelmed and intruded upon. While they greatly desire to be capable and competent, they have developed a false belief that they must withdraw and keep their resources to themselves.

STYLE QS

(If any group member is a style Five, have them answer the following questions.)

1. How do you know you're a Five?
2. What did you learn about yourself from your Gospel Pathway report?
3. What do you like about being a Five? What's difficult about it?
4. What would you like others in this group to know about you?

SCRIPTURE

Have a group member read John 14:16-17, 25-26. Next, answer these questions:

- What do you learn about the Holy Spirit in this passage?
- How does the Holy Spirit's role free you up to engage in helping people even when you don't feel fully competent?
- If you approached your day anticipating the Holy Spirit's involvement, how would it change your day?

APPLICATION

While all doctrine is essential for Fives, many find comfort in spending time daily meditating upon the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. This doctrine is built upon the fact that at conversion, believers are sealed and indwelt with God's Spirit. Because we have God's presence within us, we have access to His truth (to counsel us), His guidance and His power (so that we may obey Him and advance Christ's mission).

- What do you specifically need from the Spirit today: God's presence, truth, guidance or power? How can the Bible or this group help with that?
- If applicable, how can you encourage any Fives here with the gospel?

10 : STYLE SIX

MAIN IDEA

In this chapter, the group will cover style Six of the Enneagram with the goals of better understanding participants that resonate with this style and learning how to encourage each other with the biblical doctrine of eternal security.

STYLE SIX: THE LOYALIST

As Loyalists, Sixes are faithful, responsible, trustworthy and resilient people. They are very aware of their surroundings, keeping an eye out in order to make the world a safer place. Sixes live their lives with integrity and high ethical standards. Sixes are very loyal and will remain devoted long after others have moved on.

Sixes are detailed and practical, especially with contingency plans in case something should go wrong. They are great at knowing which steps to take and in what order, and they will recruit others to help. They will rarely let you down. Their word is their bond. They are warm, supportive and provide continuity in their relationships. They are a consistent and stable presence in others' lives.

Sixes love the security of a good plan and prefer not to be caught off guard. Sixes need to know that others are trustworthy, valuing the stability and security that consistency and planning provide.

Loyalists show us the faithfulness and unfaltering presence of God.

MOTIVATION & FALSE BELIEF

Sixes want to be supported and to have guidance. They work to ensure that they have done all they can to protect themselves and others. They take time to make careful decisions and do not like to be pushed or rushed when doing so. This motivation is driven by their fear of what can go wrong. While they greatly desire security, they have developed a false belief that they must keep themselves and others from harm.

Sixes are unique in how they express their fears. The majority tend to have anxieties and fears that usually cause them to withdraw. These people are referred to as "Phobic Sixes." However, some tend toward facing their fears and anxieties and appear to be very strong and tough. These are referred to as "Counterphobic Sixes." This latter group can be rebellious, aggressive, and outspoken. They will move toward their fears rather than away from them.

STYLE QS

(If any group member is a style Six, have them answer the following questions.)

1. How do you know you're a Six?
2. What did you learn about yourself from your Gospel Pathway report?
3. What do you like about being a Six? What's difficult about it?
4. What would you like others in this group to know about you?

SCRIPTURE

Have a group member read Jn. 10:27-30. Next, answer these questions:

- In these verses, what are we called to do? What's Christ's job?
- What are some ways that a shepherd cares for his sheep?
- How do these words from Jesus assure you that He is in control of your life right now?
How will Christ take care of you in the future?

APPLICATION

While all spiritual doctrine is essential for Sixes, many find comfort in meditating upon the doctrine of eternal security. This doctrine is based on the fact that God is faithful. Because of Christ's work on the cross, believers trust in Christ's faithfulness. Instead of seeking security through our own efforts, we are given assurance of God's faithfulness and stability.

- How does this truth free you from worry? How does it inspire you be courageous?
- If applicable, how can you encourage any Sixes here with the gospel?

11 : STYLE SEVEN

MAIN IDEA

In this chapter, the group will cover style Seven of the Enneagram with the goals of better understanding participants that resonate with this style and learning how to encourage each other with the biblical doctrine of "Christus Exemplar."

STYLE SEVEN: THE ENTHUSIAST

As Enthusiasts, Sevens work constantly to find enjoyment in every sphere of life. They are constantly looking for stimulating ideas and dreaming of exciting possibilities in order to find the best that life has to offer. Because they love people, Sevens can be very magnetic and spontaneous. You can trust them to get a party started.

Sevens are visionaries and can be very strategic, often knowing the best next step to take. They can also be quite skillful in persuading people to follow their ideas. They bring encouragement, optimism, and hope to others around them who are struggling.

These Enthusiasts do what they do in order to make the world a happier place.

MOTIVATION & FALSE BELIEF

Sevens are motivated by the desire for enjoyment. They often turn to stimulating ideas and experiences for happiness and contentment. They long for freedom without restriction and try to keep their options open. This motivation is driven by their fear of missing out, boredom and being trapped in emotional pain. While they greatly desire enjoyment, they have developed a false belief that they must ensure their own happiness.

STYLE Qs

(If any group member is a style Seven, have them answer the following questions.)

1. How do you know you're a Seven?
2. What did you learn about yourself from your Gospel Pathway report?
3. What do you like about being a Seven? What's difficult about it?
4. What would you like others in this group to know about you?

SCRIPTURE

Have a group member read Philippians 3:10-12. Next, answer these questions:

- What have you tended to avoid more recently: suffering or the promise of new life?
- What is Paul's motivation for obtaining resurrection in v. 12?
- How is a relationship with Christ greater than the pursuit of happiness (hedonism)?

APPLICATION

Spiritually unhealthy and average Sevens tend to embody what Dietrich Bonhoeffer calls "cheap grace." He explains in his book, The Cost of Discipleship: "Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate." However, Sevens grow healthier when they believe in "costly grace." He states: "Costly grace is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of God."

Therefore, while all spiritual doctrine is essential for Sevens, many find comfort in spending time daily meditating upon the doctrine of "Christus Exemplar." This states that because of Christ's work on the cross and at the tomb, believers are granted new, abundant life in Him. We follow his example, imitating his death, burial and resurrection by dying to our old selves and becoming new in Him. We find our joy in Him, and not in our situations.

- How does Christ's work motivate you to endure suffering today?
- If applicable, how can you encourage any Sevens here with the gospel?

12: CHEER UP!

MAIN IDEA

In this chapter, the group will discuss how the gospel motivates each of us to obey Christ's call to "deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Him."

SEED COAT

(Please have group members take turns reading the following paragraphs.)

As we learned early in this study, God gave us gifts and talents from the day we were born. These gifts helped us to survive when we were young. Author Marilyn Vancil compares our childhood survival techniques to the outside skin of a seed, or "seed coat," in her book Self to Lose, Self to Find: A Biblical Approach to the 9 Enneagram Types. The purpose of this protective shell is to help the seed survive the elements of a fallen world. So, our childhood survival techniques were gifts from God.

The problem develops when we sinfully depend on our gifts instead of God. In time, our self-reliant "old self" starts to wrongly believe that our shell is the core of who we really are.

This is why trusting in God instead of ourselves is easier said than done. After all, our lives and our culture celebrate independence and relying on our own talents and resources. To be honest, we've found some success in this. It's easy to be fooled into the belief that if we can just master it, we'll find true happiness.

Thankfully, God created the world with natural laws. One of those laws is that when we pridefully trust in ourselves, we are pulled down and buried in the soil of reality. This feels like a death to us. In fact, it is a death to our quest "to be like God." But in the dirt, God Himself breaks open our "seed coat" and who we truly are begins to emerge.

We all want our “new self” to emerge but leaving behind our old way of living is a risk. It can even feel like a death. It is! Jesus’ call of discipleship is indeed the ultimate test of trust.

SCRIPTURE

Have a couple of group members read Colossians 3:1-4, 9-10. Next, answer this question:

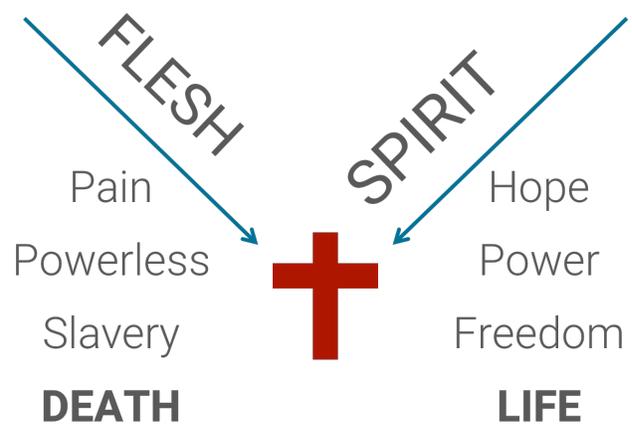
- How is God calling you to “set your mind on things that are above” today?

RAISED WITH CHRIST

(Please have group members take turns reading the following paragraphs.)

When we see Christ’s call through an old, earthly perspective we can mistakenly feel like He’s calling us into a painful and powerlessness form of slavery. This mindset is especially present when you are operating as if you’re still on your own—when you wrongly assume that you’re functionally a spiritual orphan. We can believe that this call will only end in death.

You see, as Christians, Christ has already died to set us free from slavery to sin. If you truly believe, you’re not alone! You’re an adopted child of God! This call to “take up your cross” is not a call to punishment nor a command to suffer alone. After all, your Heavenly Father is present and here with you, walking with you towards a more joyful and fruitful life. It’s important to remember that He is absolutely crazy about you! And His delight in you will bring you hope, empowerment for the day, experience freedom from the flesh and find life in Christ. So, this is a call for you to “set your minds on things that are above” by surrendering to His love and growing into who He created you to be.



Sometimes this sounds too good to be true. It is truly wonderful! Yet the concept is actually seen in our everyday relationships. Let's suppose that a husband is almost done cleaning out the garage. His wife asks Him if he could also mow the lawn before company comes over. He was hoping to squeeze in a bike ride instead. If the husband is consumed with his own agenda, he may groan and complain. But when the marriage is full of intimacy and closeness, this request is hardly a sacrifice for him at all. The husband's mindset is focused on his wife's love and happily begins to pull out the mower.

So it is with Christ's call to "deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Him." When we remember and experience His deep love for us, loving Him back in this way is a natural and relational response.

GROUP Qs

- In what specific area do you need to "deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Him"?
- Is there anything holding you back from this? If so, what is it?

CHEER UP!

(Have group member read the following paragraph.)

The late Jack Miller said, "Cheer up! You're a worse sinner than you ever dared imagine, and you're more loved than you ever dared hope." Hearing "cheer up" may seem strange when you're being reminded that you're a sinner. But when we approach Christ's call from this side of the cross—from the place of an adopted child—we remember that we are not alone. We enjoy a close intimacy with God through the whole process of self-denial from beginning to end. And, in these moments, we remember that sacrifice is the norm in a loving relationship.

13 : PASS IT ON

MAIN IDEA

Following Jesus Christ means being strengthened by grace and relationally investing it in others. We will be challenged to share this study with faithful people who will teach others also.

SCRIPTURE

Have a group member read 2 Timothy 2:1-2. Next, answer the following questions:

- Who is a person in your life who has spiritually invested in you with the gospel?
- What impact has it made upon your life?

STRENGTHENED BY GRACE

(Please have group members take turns reading the following paragraphs.)

Many of us were invested in by others who stepped into our lives at just the right time. If this was your experience, be thankful. Having someone else invest in you is a gift from God. It lets us know that we matter and that we're loved. These times are also impactful because we learned to be faithful to attend and heed their wisdom.

Paul affectionately says to Timothy to "be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus." This is probably because Timothy is experiencing a time where he is spiritually weak. It's common for us to feel this way as well. In fact, when you took your online assessment or shared with your group about your style, you also may have felt vulnerable or discouraged. Becoming aware of our sinful motivations and false beliefs

exposes a deep need for us to be reminded that we are loved. This kind of need at first feels like weakness, but it's a gift that points us to God and His boundless provision.

In the scripture above, Paul first reminds Timothy that he is weak. The only way to find the strength that he needs is by depending upon Christ's grace.

Every day, you need to be reminded that regardless of the depth of your sin, you are met with undeserved grace from above. No matter what, God delights in you! Because of Christ, God is not mad at you... ever! And His love has absolutely no strings attached. Like waves splashing on the beach, God will refresh you with "grace upon grace" for the rest of eternity!

When you submit to this love and Christ's rule in your life, something remarkable will happen: a divine energy grows in your soul. You will want to obey God. And you will become passionate about serving others.

GROUP Qs

If you've ever had God give you strength in a time of weakness, share your answers to these questions with the group:

- In this time, what did you learn about His grace toward you?
- How did it motivate you to pass grace along to others?

FUEL

(Please have group members take turns reading the following paragraphs.)

To help you find His daily strength, we have developed a spiritual exercise that can help you individually every day. We call it "FUEL". The idea behind this is that only the gospel can give you the necessary power to grow into a beautiful reflection of Christ. And the name is an acronym to help you remember the four steps in this practice: feel, uproot, exalt and love.

This activity helps you slow down and reflect on your emotions and beliefs in order to better understand yourself and God's presence in your life. Instead of emotionally reacting to a difficult circumstance or thought as you typically would, FUEL encourages you to pause and consider your Enneagram style. In the moment, this practice encourages you to examine the motives and false beliefs that are functionally driving you. By identifying these motives and beliefs, you're able to move to a place of freedom and welcome God to come in by praying for Him to bring His insight and love into your heart. The third step is asking for His help to uproot any false beliefs that are driving you with His gospel so that your desires will be to exalt Him and love others well.

GROUP DISCUSSION

(The facilitator should take a stressor in his or her life and illustrate how to use FUEL.)

Now, answer the following question: How could an activity like FUEL make a difference in your daily life?

(A FUEL worksheet is provided the end of this Chapter as well at gospelpathway.com/study. We encourage you to print a copy for your personal use each day. We hope this will help create the habit of turning from the temptation to "be like God" to trusting God to strengthen you throughout the day.)

RELATIONAL APPLICATION

(Again, please have group members take turns reading the following paragraphs.)

While FUEL can be a very powerful individual tool, it's not intended to foster a private faith. Spiritual growth happens when the gospel is passed through relationships. That's why you need trusted friends to remind you of God's grace.

In the passage that we read earlier, Paul commits himself to spiritually caring for Timothy. He has such deep affection for Timothy that he calls him "my child." And like a good father would, he invests healing words into Timothy's soul. He even takes the time

to write him this letter (which became one of the most impactful pieces of literature in history).

You also need a mentor or pastor to teach you and remind you of grace. It's wise to acknowledge this need and pursue relationships for this purpose. This might feel awkward to you, but it would be flattering to anyone you ask. The top reason why someone wouldn't open themselves up to a relationship that renews them with God's strength is because they're ignoring their own weakness or seeking self-sufficiency (a.k.a. "to be like God"). The second reason is because they don't know who to ask. If you can't think of someone, consider either asking your facilitator to be that person for you or to help you find someone.

Paul also gives Timothy a command to entrust what he's learned about the gospel to others. And these faithful people are called to do the same for others. These men took this so seriously that Christianity multiplied and became the largest religion on Earth.

People are dying for hope. And you have just studied the good news of Jesus Christ. If you have been blessed by it, you are entrusted with the responsibility to give them this hope and open up a place for God to bring new life into their needy and weak souls. Even if you are a new believer, you are called to "make disciples" of Jesus Christ.

If you decide to use this study, we've provided a list of how we can equip you in the page entitled, "Next Steps." Keep in mind that bringing people to Jesus is the most important goal. While the Enneagram can be a profound tool to help people grow in self-awareness, left to itself people only see a pathway to change. But the gospel is the fuel that moves them down the road towards Christlikeness.

Think what difference your investment can make in the lives of others. Imagine what freedom they will find! And imagine how this relationship could multiply disciples who are filled with the love of Christ. God could start a spiritual movement through your decision to love someone in your life right now!

INDIVIDUAL Qs

Take a moment as a group and contemplate these questions individually:

- How committed are you to Christ's call to make disciples? Rank yourself on a scale of 1 (low) to 10 (high).
- Who is speaking gospel truth to you? Who can you ask to do so? When will you do this?
- Who needs you to invest the gospel into them? Would they appreciate you taking them through this study? When will you approach them?

GROUP DEBRIEF

- What have you learned about yourself in this study?
- What have you learned about others?
- How can we continue to grow as a group?

FUEL

This activity helps you slow down and reflect upon your emotions and beliefs in order to better understand yourself and God's presence in your life. Instead of emotionally reacting to a difficult circumstance or thought as you typically would, pause and consider your Enneagram type. Examine what false beliefs are functionally driving your feelings. Welcome God to come into these thoughts and pray for Him to bring His insight and love into your heart. Ask for His help in helping you uproot any false beliefs that are driving you with His gospel so that your desires will be to exalt Him and love others well.

Feel. What am I doing, thinking and feeling in this situation? What is at the heart of my reaction?

Uproot. What desires, fears or lies am I believing that are driving my reaction to this situation? Write out a prayer of confession.

Exalt. Reflect on the truths of the gospel in your life and this situation. If you need help here, start by meditating upon the doctrine we covered in your Enneagram style. Write a prayer of gratitude to God. Pause and rest in His Love and Presence.

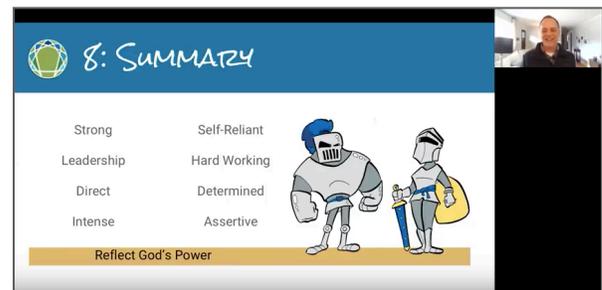
Love. What have I learned that will help me to love unconditionally and live authentically before God and others?

NEXT STEPS

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