

An underwater photograph showing several divers swimming in clear blue water. The divers are silhouetted against the bright light filtering down from the surface. The overall tone is serene and deep.

# Deeper Dive

Spiritual Formation  
in Community

## Welcome!

### **The Kingdom**

*“My goal is to wake up in the Kingdom of God every morning, and to live each day fully alive in that Kingdom, regardless of my geographical location in the world.”*

An underwater photograph showing a diver in silhouette against a bright blue background. The diver is positioned centrally, with their arms and legs spread out. The water is clear, and there are some coral-like structures visible in the foreground and background.

# Check-In

*My Emotional Weather  
and Work of the Spirit Report*

## **My Emotional Weather**

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*Stormy*

*Cloudy*

*Calm*

*Sunny*

## **The Spirit's Work**

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In me,

Around me,

Through me

An underwater photograph of a diver in blue water, viewed from above. The diver is wearing a mask and fins, and their arms are outstretched. The water is clear and blue, with some light rays visible.

# My Beloved Charter

What God's Word says about  
how God feels about  
and sees me

## **My Identity**

*“Jesus needed, not once, but again and again at each stage of his mission and each crisis in his living and dying, a freshly confirmed knowledge of his own identity.”*

*“I exist because God loves me already. I am a child of divine love.”*



# Learn by Reflecting

Share something you experienced in your study, journaling and praying from this week.

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# Spiritual Disciplines

Bible Study, Journaling, Prayer

Ask yourself two questions:

- What is this passage saying about the Kingdom and living in it?
  - What is this passage saying about my character and a decision or choice that I am being asked to make?

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Review

**Waking up in the Kingdom...**

# **The Life You Get to Live**

Meaning | Purpose | Peace | Guilt-Free Living | Comfort in Pain | Abundance  
| Circle of Four

# **The Person You Become**

Christ-Like Character | Quality Relationships | Stability | Contentment  
| Sage Reputation

# **Your Life in the Millennial Kingdom**

Reigning with Christ | Creative Energy | Productive Activity | Only Agape Love

**Circle of 4**

***Traffic of Heaven***

***Agape LOVE***

***Spiritual  
Disciplines***

# Big Idea of the Holidays

**“Christmas & New Year  
in the Kingdom”**

# Hearing God

God's communication with us usually comes in the form of thoughts or perceptions; impressions in our soul or inner being - our spirit

The word of God will not become life changing for us unless we apply it to the specific circumstances of our life

When our own inner conscience speaks to us , we find that voice arguing with us. The voice of God in us will never argue, but will state clearly and plainly what is true

Nowhere in the Bible did any man animal or being doubt the voice of God or Jesus when they spoke

1 Kings 19:11-13

John 10:3-5, 14, 27

# Listening to God in Scripture...

## Read

Read the passage slowly, acknowledging that reading scripture is being with God himself and hearing his voice. Now that the words are familiar to you, read them again slowly but this time noticing a word or phrase that stands out to you. Do not choose the word yourself but allow the Spirit to bring it to you

## Reflect

Read the passage again and focusing on the word the Spirit brought you, ask why that word, and any connection it has to your life today, and anything you need to know, be or do

## Respond

Read the passage one last time and as you read it think about what you will want to say to God about what he has said to you through the passage. Pray however you are led to pray. You may want to confess something to God, thank God for something, or ask God for something

## Rest

Do as you are led by God; observe how he is showing up with you; sit with him, enjoy his message, and acknowledge how hearing from God makes you feel

# The Three Lights

## Circumstances

- closed & open doors, a change in a situation; opportunities with or without a deadline

## Impressions from the Spirit of God

- an awareness, perception, or voice that is familiar and consistent

## The Word of God

- the voice of God will never contradict the Word of God; a Kingdom Cleanse (*Ephesians 5:25-27*)

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# Characteristics of God's Voice...

## Quality

Weight | Character | Impact

## Spirit

The way Jesus spoke to his disciples and the people to whom he was ministering

## Content

Principles vs Fundamental truths | God's voice will never contradict His Word

## *Hearing God*

We identify the voice of God speaking to us the same way we would from any other human person trying to communicate with us. We would observe and measure the quality, spirit, and content of what was being communicated and accept or reject it based on those criteria.

# Homework

## Character of Christ in the Kingdom – 21 Days

**Psalm 23** - a picture of life in the Kingdom

**Exodus 20** - the 10 commandments

**Matthew 6:5-13** - the Lord's Prayer

**Matthew 5-7** - the Sermon on the Mount

**Colossians 3** - guidelines for Holy living

**Romans 8** - life through the Spirit

**Philippians 2:3-11** - imitating Christ

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# Deeper Dive

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Spiritual Formation  
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See you next week!

Spiritual Formation

*“The Spirit-driven process of forming my inner being so that it becomes like the inner being of Christ himself.”*

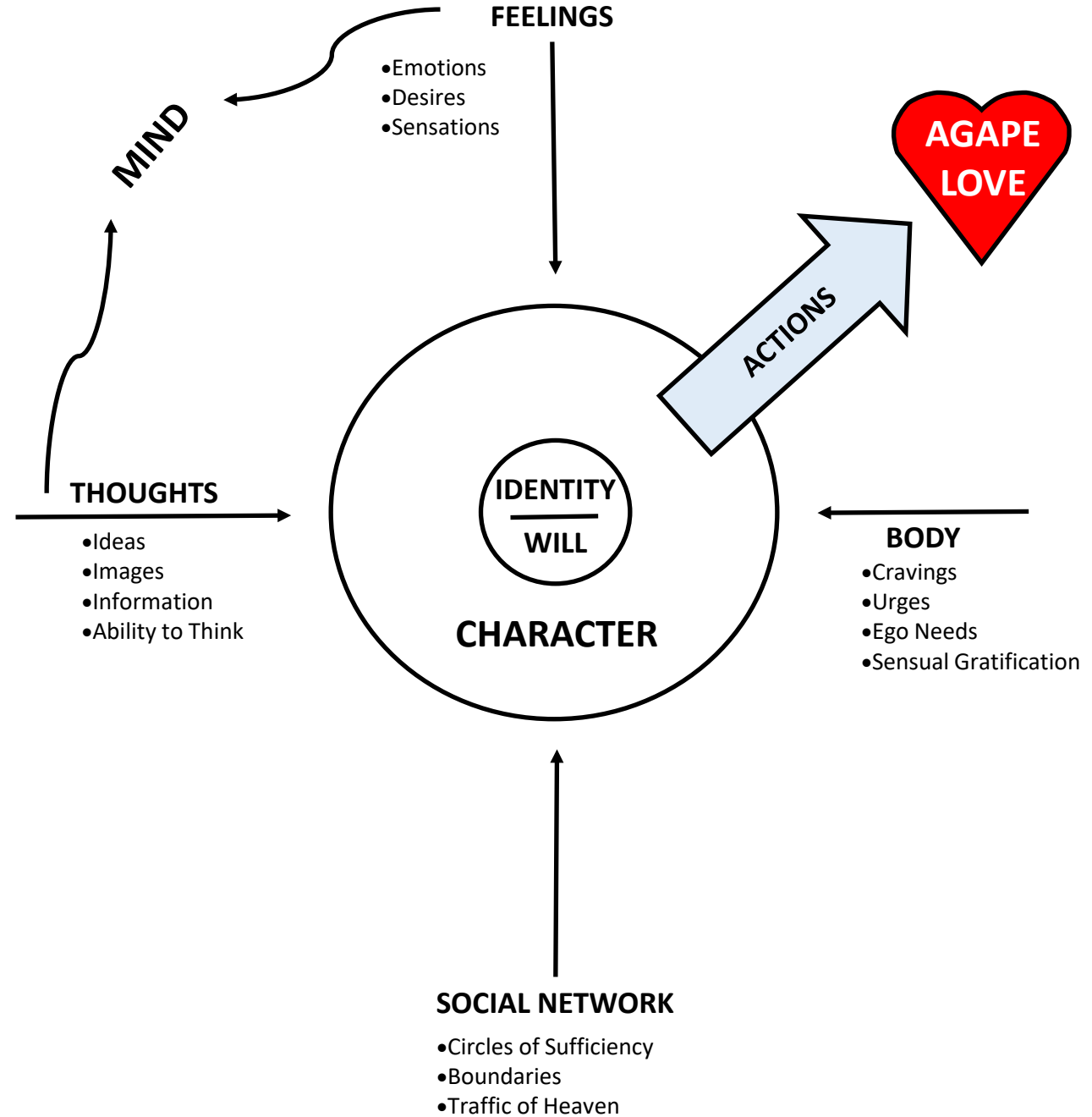
The background of the slide features a faded, light blue image of two divers underwater. One diver is positioned higher and upside down, while the other is lower and more upright. Both are wearing scuba gear, including tanks and fins. The water is clear, and the overall tone is serene and deep.

# Invite Others

**Who do you know that needs to know God  
in a deeper and more real way?**

**Deeper  
Dive**

# Spiritual Formation *in the Kingdom of God*



*Say I Won't,  
Mercy Me*

Today, it all begins - I'm seeing my life for the very first time - Through a different lens  
Yesterday - I didn't understand - Driving 35 with a rocket inside - Didn't know what I had  
While I've been waiting to live - My life's been waiting on me  
I'm gonna run - No, I'm gonna fly  
I'm gonna know what it means to live and not just be alive  
The world's gonna hear 'cause I'm gonna shout  
And I will be dancing when circumstances drown the music out

Say I won't - Not enough - Is what I've been told - But it must be a lie  
'Cause the Spirit inside says I'm so much more - So let them say what they want  
Oh I dare them to try - I'm gonna run - No, I'm gonna fly  
I'm gonna know what it means to live and not just be alive  
The world's gonna hear 'cause I'm gonna shout  
And I will be dancing when circumstances drown the music out  
Say I won't (X4)

I can do all things - Through Christ who gives me strength - So keep on saying I won't  
And I'll keep proving you wrong - I'm gonna run - No, I'm gonna fly  
I'm gonna know what it means to live and not just be alive  
This world's gonna hear, whoa, 'cause I'm gonna shout  
And I will be dancing when circumstances drown the music out

Say I won't (X5)

Reading the Bible

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*Big Idea of the  
Week*

*Book or Topic*

*Commentary*

*Insert Yourself*

*Imagination*

*Use Your Senses*

An underwater photograph showing several divers in a blue, slightly hazy environment. The divers are silhouetted against the light, and their fins are visible. The overall mood is serene and exploratory.

# Deeper Dive

**Disciple**

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**Follower**

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**Apprentice**

**Father**

*“Wise King, loving, merciful, giver of blessings”*

**Jesus the Christ**

*“Model, sacrifice, friend, way, truth, life”*

**Spirit**

*“Guarantee, comforter, teacher/interpreter,  
counselor, guide, power”*

**Circle  
of Four**

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**Spiritual  
Disciplines**

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