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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.”

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Check-In

Work of the Spirit Report

The Spirit's Work

In me,
Around me,
Through me

Practicing the Presence of God

Did you remember to intentionally acknowledge the presence of God this week?

Deuteronomy 6

*In what ways did you experience **The Shallows**, **The Midlands**, or **The Depths** as you attempted to connect with God?*

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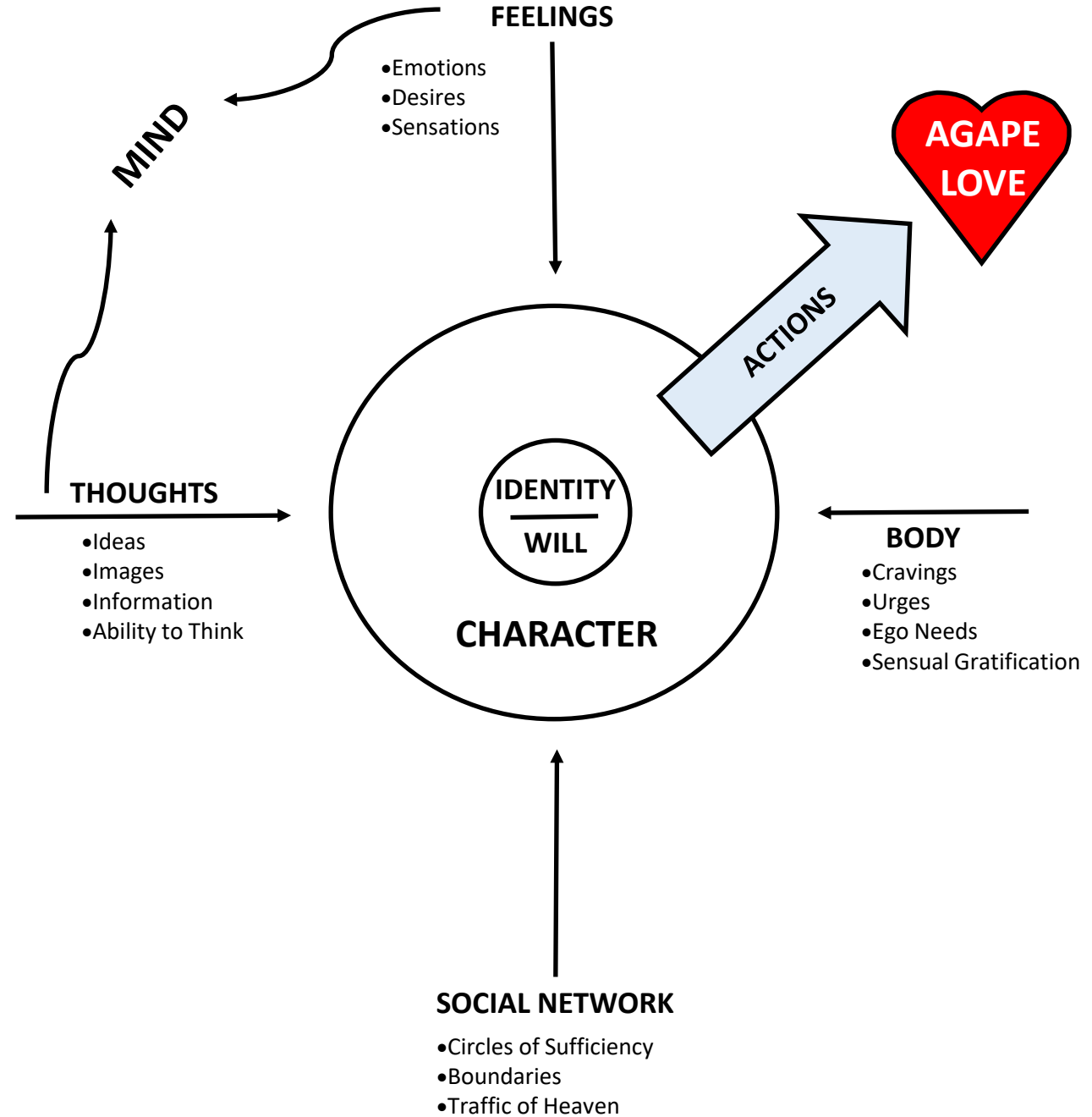
Review

A Day in the Kingdom

Wake up in the Kingdom
Breathe Kingdom Air (*love*)
Burn Kingdom Fuel (*grace*)
Build Kingdom Character
Do Kingdom Work

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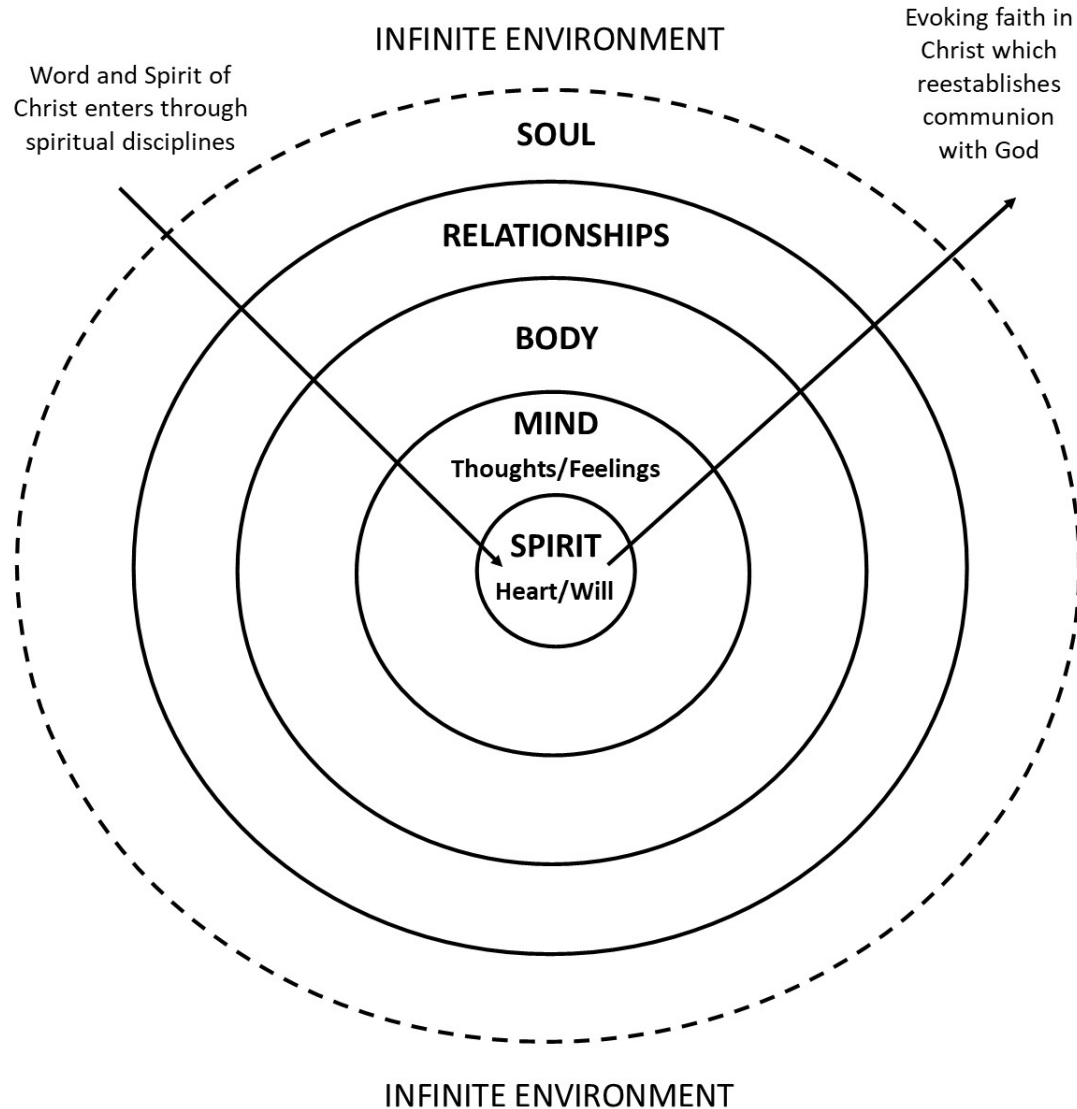
Spiritual Formation *in the Kingdom of God*



The Entire Human Self

The Whole Picture

Spiritual
Formation
*in the
Kingdom
of God*



The Human Self

in order of dominance.

Life away from God:

BODY

SOUL

MIND

SPIRIT

GOD

Life ordered by God:

GOD

SPIRIT

MIND

SOUL

BODY

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Table Group Study

Matthew 18:1-9

1 John 2:28 – 3:10

1 John 1:5-9

Become

like

little

Children

Matthew 18:1-9

(18:3) **Change to being a child is necessary**

(18:4) **Characteristics of Children**

innocent, humble, immature, curious, trusting, malleable

(18:5) **All who come into the Kingdom as a child will be welcomed**

(18:7-9) **Children need protection and should be taught truth**

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1 John 2:28 – 3:10

(2:28) "**continue in Him...**" so that we will not be ashamed when he returns

(3:1) **We are his children**

(3:4-6) Sinning is breaking the law of God; Jesus came to stop this; **we are not to continue sinning habitually**; this does not include infrequent or random sinful choices; **no loss of salvation**

(3:9-10) **Those born of God choose not to habitually sin**; this is one way we differentiate between who is and is not a child of God

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1 John 1:5-9

(1:5) God is light and in him is no darkness; there will be times when we walk in darkness as believers

(1:6) When we lose connection with God we move from light into darkness

(1:9) Confession is the path back into the light

MOVE AWAY FROM SIN & NOT TOWARD IT!!!

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Every Thought Captive

2 Corinthians 10:5

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Ideas

Images

Information

Our thoughts move us either toward Christ or away from Christ.

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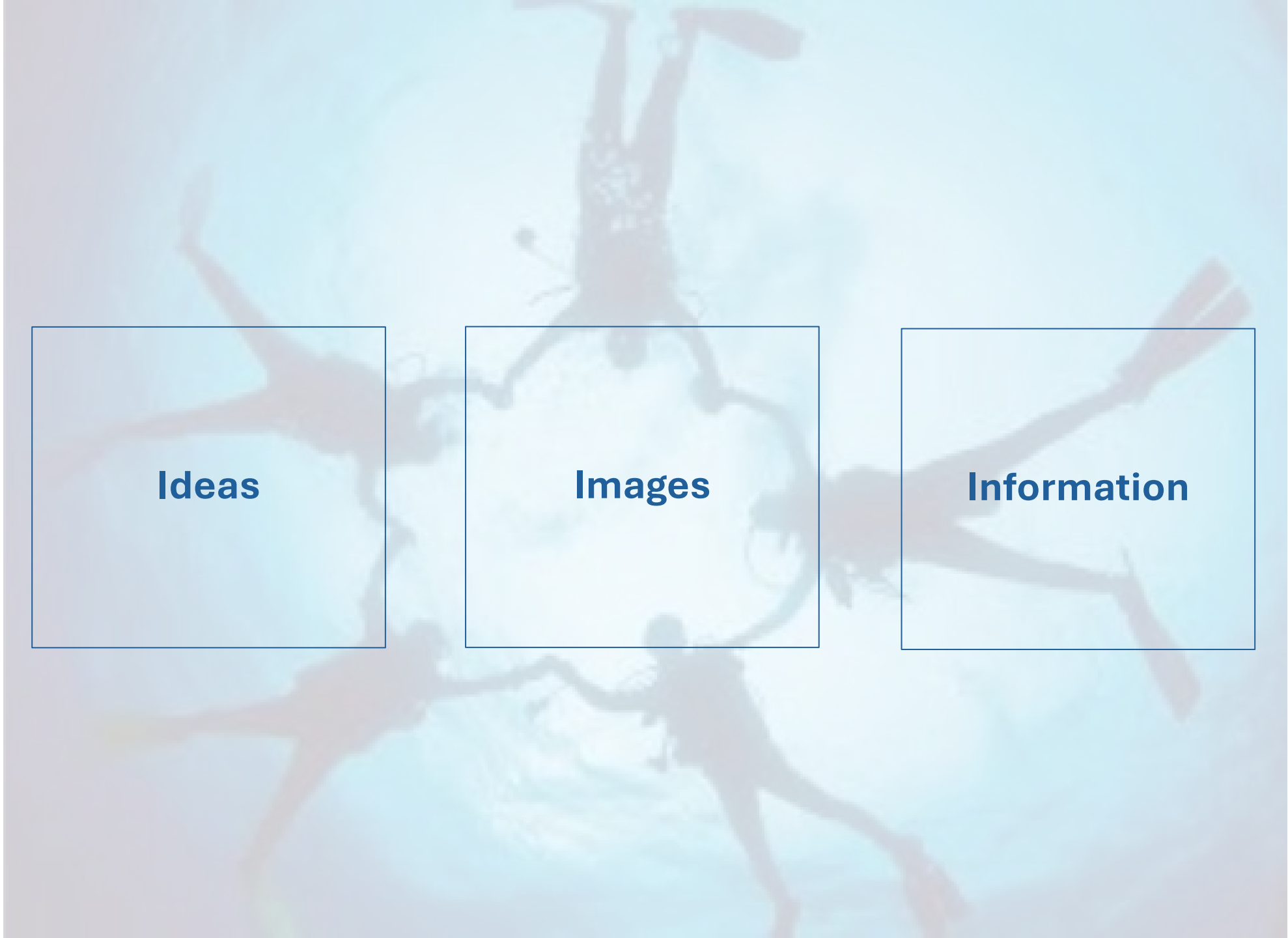
Spiritual Disciplines of Engagement

Reading the Bible
Journaling
Prayer
Scripture Memory
Service
Fellowship
Evangelism
Check-in

Ideas

Images

Information



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Spiritual Disciplines of Abstinence

Ideas

Images

Information

Solitude

Silence

Fasting

Simplicity

Chastity

Secrecy

Sacrifice

Homework

Practice a new Spiritual Discipline that helps you take captive every thought for Christ, and that helps you become more like him on the inside.

Consider Ideas, Images, and Information

Ideas

Images

Information

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Invite Others

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

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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.”

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