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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

Homework Review

What has God been **teaching you** about **Circles of Sufficiency** this week?

Did you feel more **whole** or **complete** by spending time in your **Circle of Four**?

In what ways were you able to **abandon defensiveness**?

Can you look back on **examples** of how you pursued **genuine agape love** with others?

Has God opened any opportunities for **redeeming** or **restoring** any **broken relationships**?

**Deeper
Dive**

Reviewing our Deeper Dive Season

The background of the slide features a light blue and white gradient with a faint, semi-transparent image of several divers underwater. The divers are in various poses, some appearing to be in conversation or observing something together. The overall aesthetic is clean and aquatic.

Luke 6:27-36

- It's all about **LOVE**

Luke 6:37-42

- It starts inside **YOU**

Luke 6:43-45

- There will be **FRUIT** - one kind or another

Luke 6:46-49

- There's what you **say** and there's what you **do**

**Spiritual
Formation
Makes a
Difference**

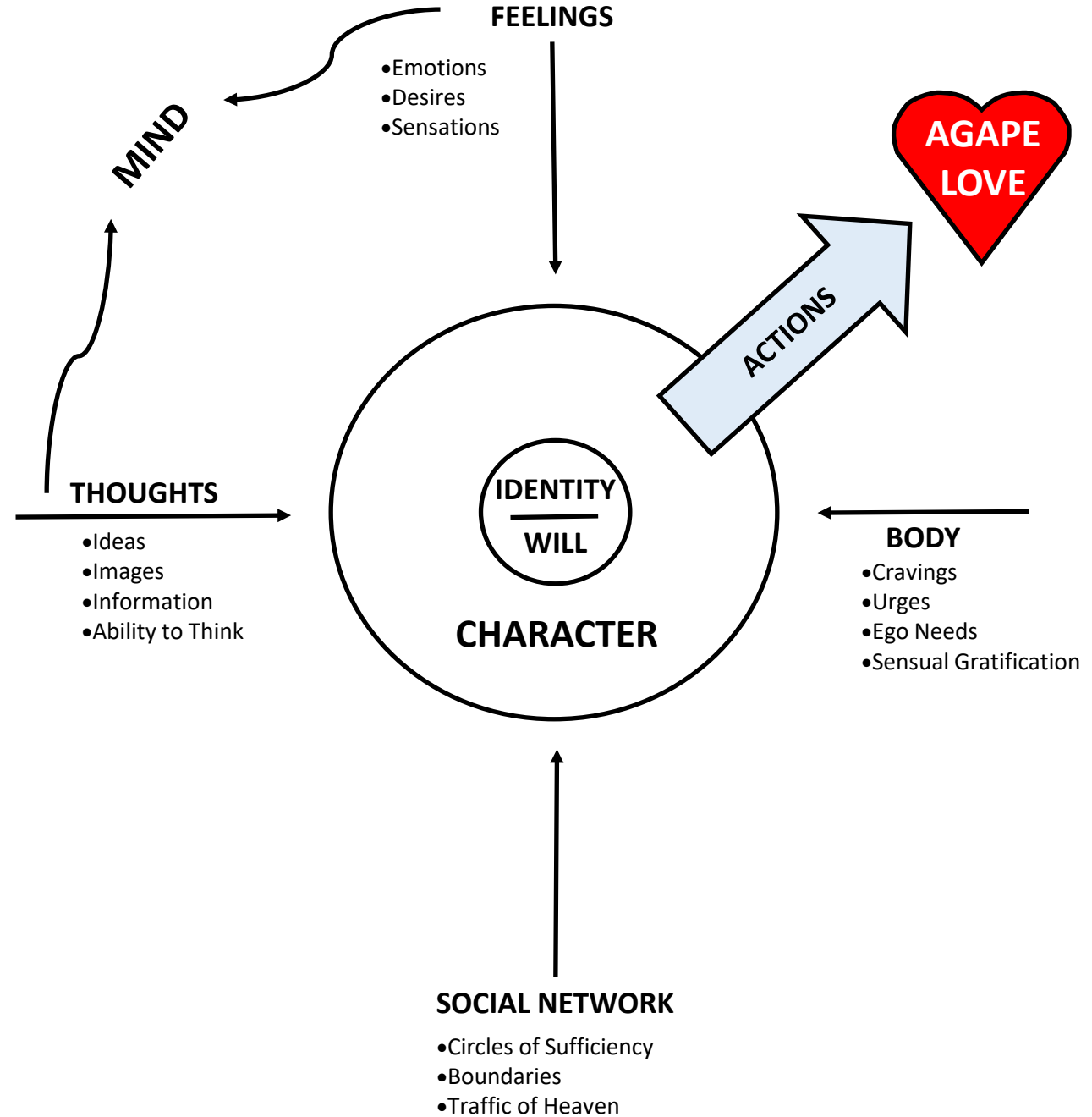
Spiritual Formation Scenarios

Table Exercise

Use what you have learned in this Deeper Dive season to help the people in your scenario move forward into spiritual formation in a thoughtful way.

Discuss their situation, their needs, character issues, and incorporate scripture and spiritual disciplines where they apply.

Spiritual Formation *in the Kingdom of God*



Spiritual Formation

Scenarios

Table Exercise

Friend Group

Brady is a young man in his mid 30's with a relatively large friend group consisting of all types of people. He found Jesus through a local church a couple of years ago and is fairly regular in his attendance. He is starting to notice a difference in the values taught in his church from the Bible and the lifestyles of those in his friend group. Brady cares about his friends but is finding he agrees less and less with their choices. He is unsure what to do next.

Spiritual Formation Scenarios

Table Exercise

Tired & Bored

Melissa has been a Christian since she was a child, and now in her 50's she is tired and bored with church. She is unhappy with the musical style and has noticed her mind wandering during the pastor's messages. Sometimes she tries to remember last week's topic and most of the time cannot recall very much about it. Some of her best friends in the church recently moved away and Melissa is asking herself if attending church so regularly over the years has ever really benefited her in any meaningful way?

Spiritual Formation Scenarios

Table Exercise

Marriage Trouble

Rick and Martha have been married close to ten years and have two young children who are very active. Both work outside the home now that their kids are school age. Between sports, church, social activities and school events, their lives seem very busy. Lately Rick and Martha have felt distant from each other with Martha feeling like she does more than her share of the work and Rick frustrated that he can't seem to do anything right for Martha. Their conversations have turned to fights at times and they are both very unhappy. Recently Rick has wondered if their church can help them.

Spiritual Formation Scenarios

Table Exercise

Got a Bad Jesus

Mark has a complicated relationship with religion. He was forced to go to church with his family growing up and felt it was a waste of time for the most part. When he married Allie, she was Catholic and wanted to be married in her church, so Mark to please Allie he became Catholic.

Mark never really understood much about God and has never been convinced there really is a God. Now, 15 years later Mark refuses to attend Mass and plays golf on Sundays.

Spiritual Formation Scenarios

Table Exercise

Along Party Lines

Jill and Judy are two friends in their 40's who have known each other since high school but have only recently been reunited when Judy moved into the city where Jill lives. As they have taken the opportunity to spend more time together, they have enjoyed getting reacquainted but have discovered how far apart they are politically. Both have strong opinions about their beliefs and values and have gotten into a couple of heated arguments along party lines on a number of topics. Judy has been asking Jill where she goes to church, but Jill isn't sure she will fit in with her friends.

Table
Exercise

Spiritual Formation Scenarios

Without revealing any identities, do you have someone in mind with a scenario where spiritual formation would be an important resolution to the situation?

Do you have a situation in your own life where spiritual formation would provide guidance?

Homework

*Spend the week contemplating
the race you are running.*

Where are you in your race?

What do you need in order to finish well?

Philippians 3:12-21

**Big Idea
Of the
Week:**

**Running
Your Race**

Engagement

Reading the Bible

Journaling

Prayer

Scripture Memory

Service

Fellowship

Evangelism

Check-In

Spiritual Disciplines

Abstinence

Sabbath

Solitude

Silence

Fasting

Simplicity

Chastity

Secrecy

Sacrifice

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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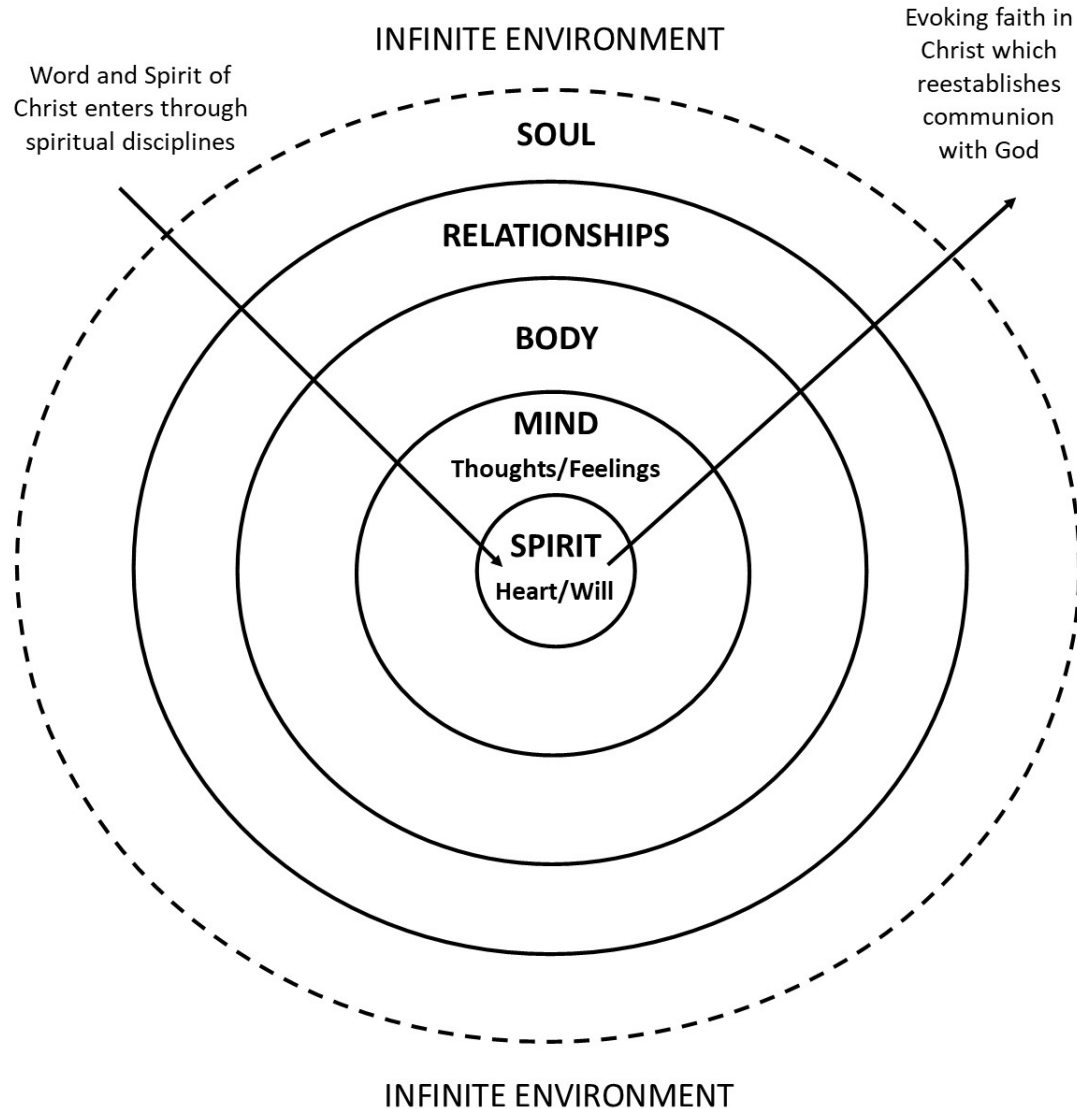
Spiritual Formation

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

The Entire Human Self

The Whole Picture

Spiritual
Formation
*in the
Kingdom
of God*



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