



Welcome to an Experience in Spiritual Formation

“Where we are training to interact with the Creator of the universe.”



Check-In

Share your emotional weather today and the one goal you hope to accomplish in Deeper Dive Season 3.

A Follower of Jesus



God is more concerned with who we are than what we do

- Why?

Following Jesus is having a very specific kind of relationship with him

- Personal, dynamic, interactive, and conversational

What is the Gospel?

- Romans 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 10:9-10

A Follower of Jesus



What was Jesus Gospel?

- Matthew 4:17
- Mark 1:14-15
- Luke 4:43-44
- John 1:49-51

The Kingdom of God



The Kingdom of God is the reach of the rule and reign of God's effective will, where what God wants done is done

- **Psalm 145:13** – Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations

The Kingdom of God



Each of us has been given a kingdom, the reach of the rule and reign of our effective will

- Genesis 1:27-28
- Deuteronomy 30:19-20
- Joshua 24:15

The Kingdom of God



Relationship is the way people or things are connected

- Not philosophical principles or theological concepts
- Instead, genuine connections where our kingdom is enveloped and surrounded by His Kingdom
- A “willing surrender” and “meshing” of our kingdom with His Kingdom
 - *James 4:7; Luke 9:23; Romans 12:1; Galatians 2:20*
- Relational connection creates **EXPERIENCES**

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In the Kingdom, relationships are designed to be circles of sufficiency

- A Circle of Four (Matthew 28:19-20)
- Never alone
- Always Outnumbered
- Identity is formed and a sense of self is protected
- Where worth and value originate – you matter!

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**Kingdom rhythms, through
INDIRECTION nurture a
personal, dynamic,
interactive, conversational
relationship with God**

- Reading scripture
- Praying & journaling
- Silence & solitude
- Any form of spiritual discipline that aligns you with the Spirit in you
- Kingdom rhythms arrange your life around this relationship

My Daily Mantra...

I woke up in the Kingdom this morning

an unceasing spiritual being with an eternal destiny in God's great universe



I breathe Kingdom air (LOVE)
I burn Kingdom fuel (GRACE)
I build Kingdom character
I do Kingdom work



A Kingdom life is a different life than most people waking up around me experience.

Kingdom Life



**Wake up in the Kingdom,
and then walk the day
the Kingdom way**

- There is a Kingdom Way to do everything
- Exertion of my will indicates a Kingdom choice
- I am becoming on the inside a transformed person
- My character grows more Christlike every day

Which Transforms?

- Information?
- Inspiration?
- Interaction?

Spiritual Formation



What is Spiritual Formation?

**Becoming on the inside
the kind of person who
would do what Jesus
would do if he were me,
living my life.**

The Human Personality & Divine Connection

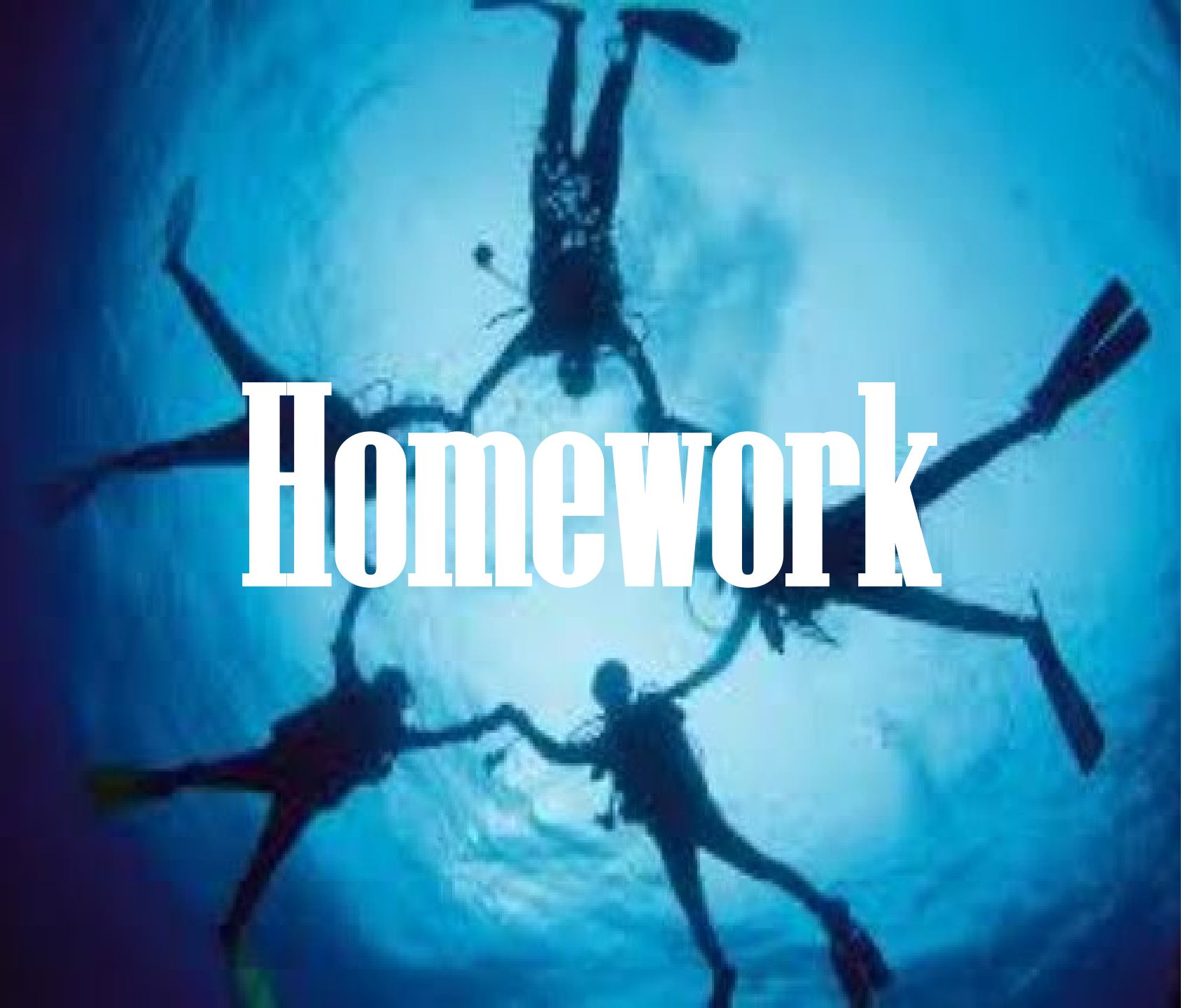


What God desires from us

- A personal, dynamic, interactive, and conversational relationship
- Where God speaks in many ways
- And our goal is to hear and obey

Pursue a Kingdom Life

- Wake up in the Kingdom
- Walk the day the Kingdom way being a disciple and making disciples
- Live a with God Kingdom life

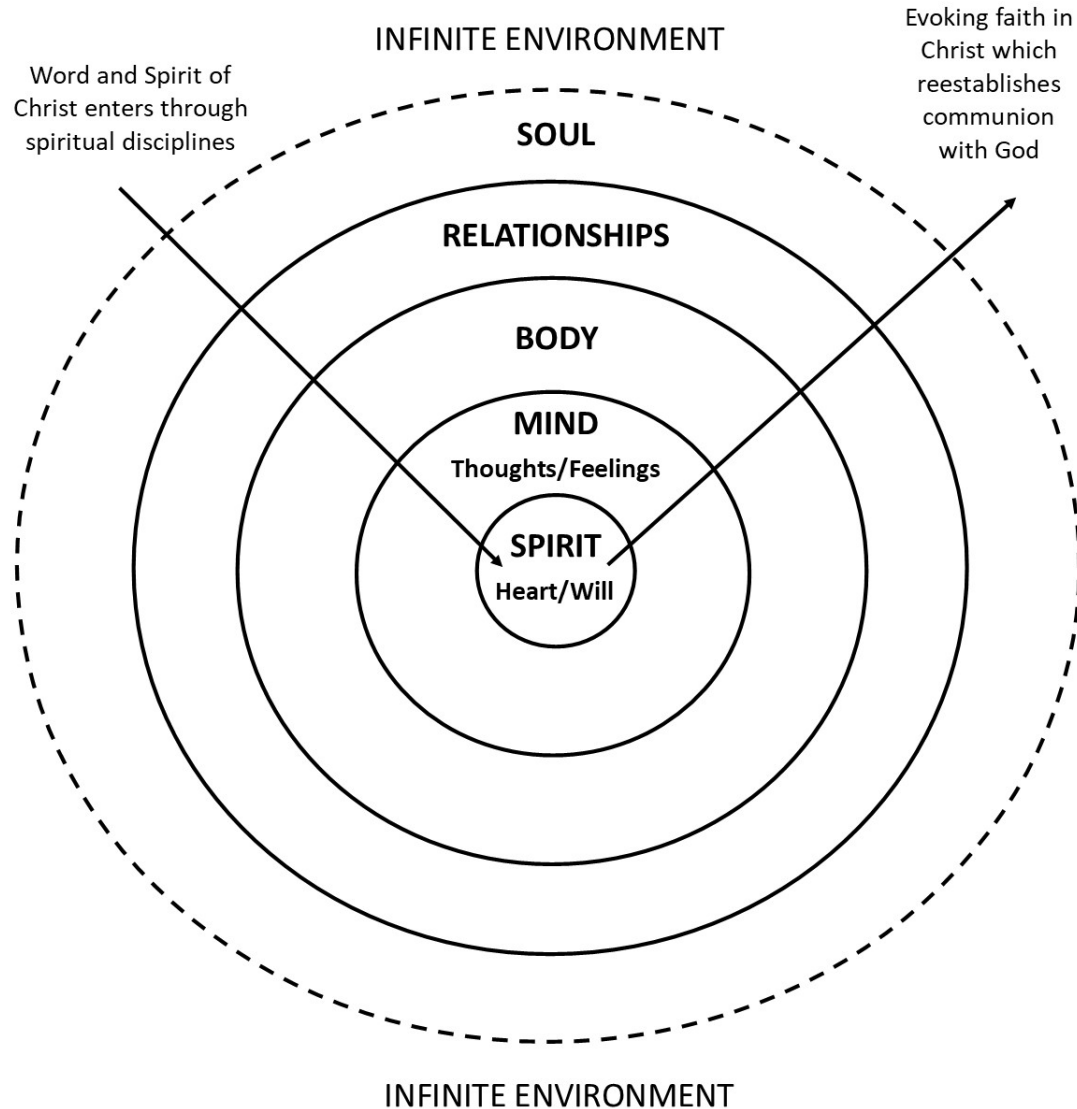
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Homework

Spiritual Formation *in the Kingdom of God*

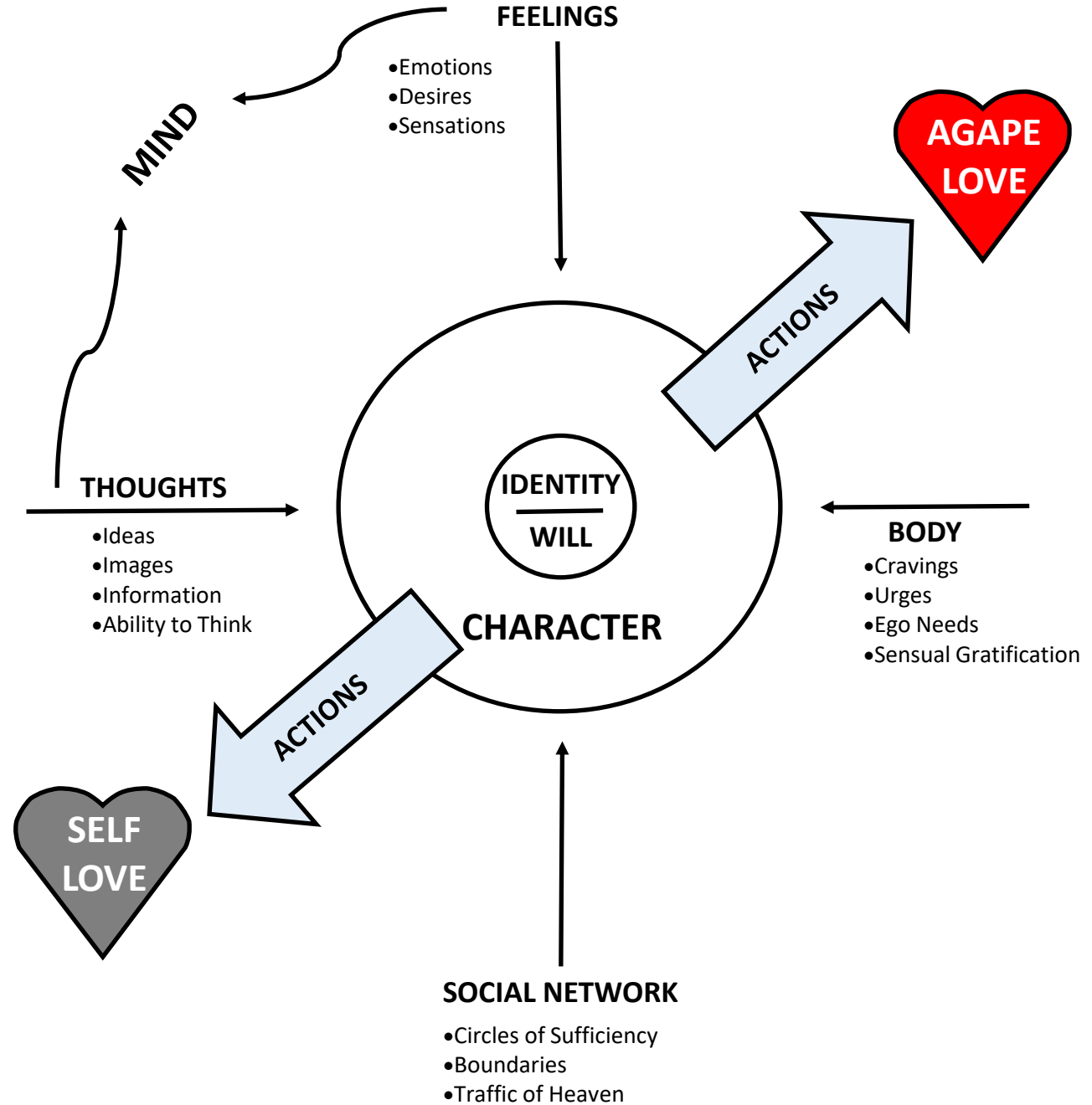
The Entire Human Self

The Whole Picture



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