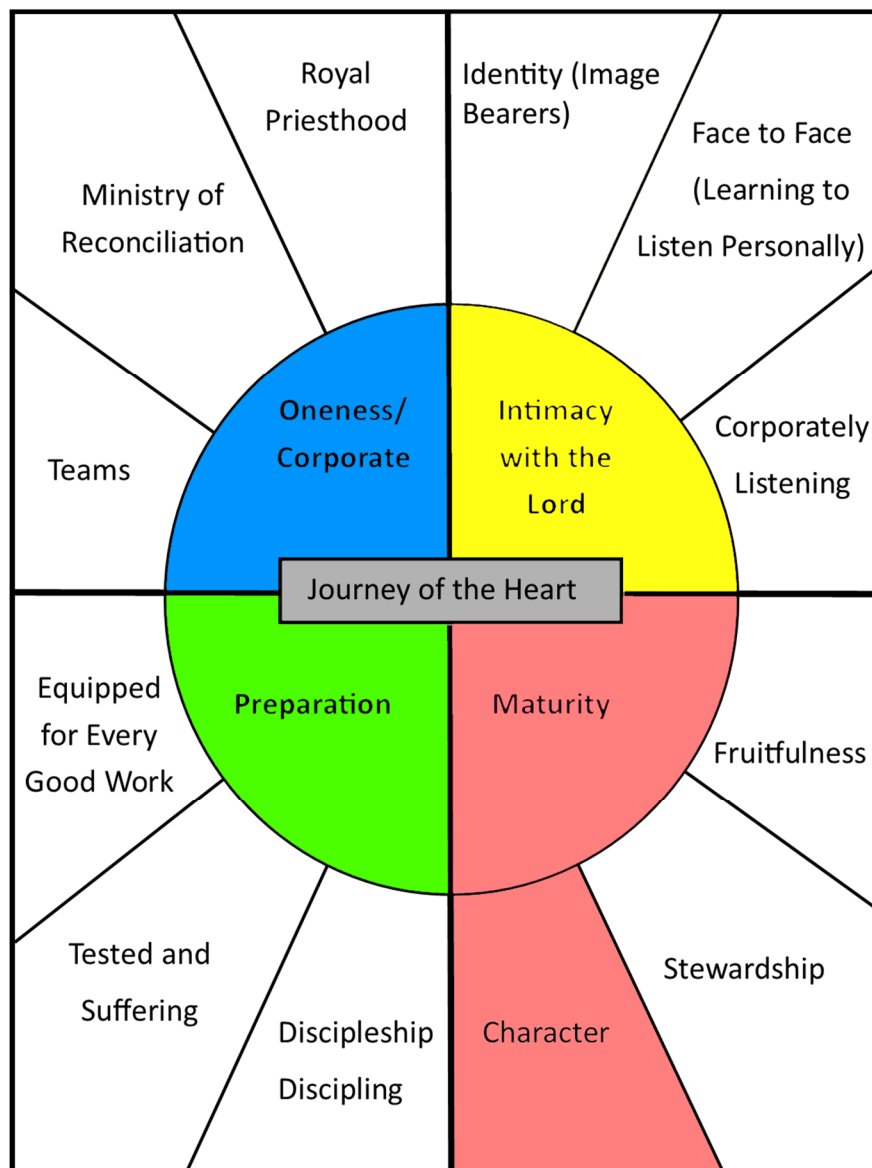


CHARACTER: HOW AM I FORMED IN HIS LIKENESS

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- ❖ To know and believe the character and nature of God as demonstrated in my world.
- ❖ To have my life bear witness to His indwelling life, by being an accurate display of His image and likeness.



SCRIPTURE MEDITATION:

- Week 1) Philippians 3
- Week 2) Hebrews 12:1-17
- Week 3) Colossians 3
- Week 4) Ephesians 4:17-5:21

TRIAD QUESTIONS:

WEEK 1

1. Take a moral assessment of the state of your heart-Which of the fruits of the Spirit come easiest for you? Which are most difficult?
2. Do you recognize where the Lord has displayed each one of the Fruits of the Spirit toward you?
3. What aspects of love do you extend more easily/freely? What areas are not expressed so well?
4. What are contributing factors to the moral failure of a leader?
5. What things did you once value or consider gains that you had to exchange? Explain the process or journey God took you on to get to this point.

WEEK 2

1. Do you have a different standard of behavior depending on the groups you find yourself with? Explain.
2. What have been the greatest influences on your character development?
3. How does considering Jesus help us to not lose heart?
4. Do you help others? Are you generous, thankful, and gracious to others, being humble and servant hearted?
5. Has there been a time in your life when you have had to choose joy or pursue joy in spite of the circumstances around you? Explain.

WEEK 3

1. What is holiness and how do you pursue it to become more like Jesus? How do you resemble Jesus? in what ways do you not resemble Him?
2. How has forgiveness set you free? Are there people or situations in your life where you have not forgiven? How does this affect your relationship with God?
3. What character qualities do you most value in a leader? In yourself?
4. How does Christ's example of humility affect how you give counsel or gentle warnings to other believers? Do you avoid tough conversations? Do you encourage other believers in love, or do you tend to be more critical?
5. How do you make sure your mind and heart are set on heavenly things?

WEEK 4

1. What are your current responsibilities? Are you considered faithful, trust-worthy, reliable? How many people really count on you? What are you like at work? Do you work “as unto the Lord”? (Col. 3:12-17; 2 Th. 3:4) Do you work hard?
2. What do people come to you and want to talk about? Do people call upon you to help resolve conflicts? Why or why not? Do people come to you to gossip or get gossip about other people, churches, and situations?
3. Assess your past conflicts with bosses, family, friends, leaders. What are the common themes as to what led to these conflicts and issues?
4. What deceptions contribute to a failure to develop Godly character?
5. What do you really want to be known for? Does this come into alignment with God or does it cause conflict with His purpose for your life?

BONUS QUESTIONS:

1. What person do you resemble or bear a likeness to in deed and speech? Who in the Bible do you resemble or bear a likeness to in deed and speech?
2. Consider which characteristics of Christ are displayed through different areas of ministry (i.e.-- kindness is displayed through offering compassion to the poor). Are you a member of a church that displays all of the fruits of the Spirit?
3. Does your church invest more in character development or skill development?
4. What aspects of character development should take place in a young child (8 or younger)? What aspects should be developed as a youth (8-17)? What aspects are formed as an adult? Why?