



C. S. Lewis Institute Summer 2023 Study Group Conformed to His Image

Description

This study covers the biblical principles for spiritual formation and practical approaches to spiritual growth. We will explore and discuss the 12 facets of Christian spirituality that contribute to organic growth in our faith, deeper communion with God, spiritual maturity, and cultivating a fruitful life.

God told us the goal of the Christian life in Romans 8:29, “that we be conformed to the image of His Son!” This has been the plan of God from the foundation of the world, so as people who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ, we must be intentional to practice our faith in daily life with formative, rather than counter formative living. This course will help you do this very thing, grow in your faith and formation.

Romans 8:29-30: For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

Structure

This is a 13-week study in which one facet will be discussed per week. The reading for each week should be completed prior to weekly online meeting. Each week will be conducted as an interactive lecture in which the core principles of each facet will be reviewed while students are encouraged to participate with their own observations and questions.

Optional: Participants are encouraged to form triplets or quads in which three or four people would commit to reading, meeting, and discussing the weekly content prior to weekly meeting. Since this would be a significant time commitment, this is optional, however we encourage groups to still be formed even if you cannot meet every week.

Goals

- Develop a greater appreciation for the unique way that God has made you.
- Become aware of a wider array of options for your spiritual journey.
- Get out of a spiritual rut of going through the motions or being mechanical in your faith.
- Grow in Desire to experience other facets of the faith.
- Grow Appreciation for the manifold legacy that has been bequeathed to us by all those who have gone before.
- Be encouraged to explore practices and aspects Christianity that you may have otherwise ignored.
- Grow greater passion for Christ and a greater desire to participate in His loving purposes for your life.
- Grow to be true worshippers who worship in spirit and truth in daily life.

Study Materials

Conformed to His Image: Biblical, Practical Approaches to Spiritual Formation (Revised Edition) by Kenneth Boa, Zondervan Academic

(purchase for a 20% discount at <https://kenboa.org/product/conformed-to-his-image-revised-edition/> using discount code *CSLI20*)

Course Schedule: June 7 to August 30, 2023 (6-8pm)

Week	Date	Facets	Reading
Week 1	June 7 6-8pm	Facet 1: Relational Spirituality <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Loving God Completely• Loving Ourselves Correctly• Loving Others	1-40
Week 2	June 14 6-8pm	Facet 2: Paradigm Spirituality <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Journey with Intention• Trusting God	41-60
Week 3	June 21 6-8pm	Facet 3: Disciplined Spirituality <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dependence and Discipline• Spiritual Disciplines	61-87
Week 4	June 28 6-8pm	Facet 4: Exchanged Life Spirituality <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grasping True Identity• God's Plan to Meet Our Needs	91-115
Week 5	July 5 6-8pm	Facet 5: Motivated Spirituality <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why do we do What we do• Love, Gratitude and Rewards• Identity, Purpose and Hope and Longing for God	119-147
Week 6	July 12 6-8pm	Facet 6: Devotional Spirituality <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our Image of God• The Contemplative Way• The Practice of Sacred Reading• Growing in Love with God	149-187
Week 7	July 19 6-8pm	Facet 7: Holistic Spirituality <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Centrality of Christ• An Integrated Life• Relationships, Work and Society• Stewardship and Purpose	205-250
Week 8	July 26 6-8pm	Facet 8: Process Spirituality <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Process vs. Product• Being vs. Doing	265-287

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trust, Gratitude and Contentment 	
Week 9	August 2 6-8pm	Facet 9: Spirit Filled Spirituality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking in the Power of the Spirit • The Gifts of the Spirit • Openness and Discernment 	301-337
Week 10	August 9 6-8pm	Facet 10: Warfare Spirituality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warfare with the Flesh and World • Warfare with the Devil and His Demons • The Weapons of Our Warfare 	339-384
Week 11	August 16 6-8pm	Facet 11: Nurturing Spirituality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Philosophy of Discipleship • The Process, Product, and Context of Discipleship • A Philosophy of Evangelism • Overcoming the Barriers to Evangelism 	385-436
Week 12	August 23 6-8pm	Facet 12: Corporate Spirituality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Need for Community • The Nature and Purpose of Church • Soul Care, Leadership, Accountability and Renewal 	437-476
Week 13	August 30 6-8pm	Conclusion: What it takes to Finish Well <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Steps • Faith in Diversity • Personality Types and Faith • Our Christian Heritage 	477-494 495-508 509-542