

Redeemer Men's Gathering

Oct 19, 2021

This is a time to connect and pray with other men under the Word.

It is a place to know other men, be known, and practice the Christian life together.

This Month's Aspect of Christ's Character: Jesus & Following

As we walk along the path of the Christian life together,

we desire to be conformed more and more to the image of Christ.

Today's Scripture: *Gospel Imperative*

²³ And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

²⁵ For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?

²⁶ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

(Luk 9:23-26 ESV)

Questions for Reflection

1. What is the Spirit saying to your heart through this Scripture?
2. As you read this Scripture, what do you want? What do you fear?
3. Where do you see struggles and victories in your life around this Scripture?
4. How does this Scripture shape the way that you relate to others in your life (God, self, spouse, children, parents, church, those who aren't like you)?
5. How does all of this lead us into the Gospel?

Rules of Engagement

1. Everyone is welcome, all the time, wherever you are in your journey.
2. It's okay to pray or share, or *not* to pray or share.
3. Share the time with everyone in the group.
4. Listen actively.
5. Don't try to fix anyone.
6. What happens at the Gathering is held in pastoral confidence.

The Shape of the Gathering

- **Gathering and Fellowship.** 15 minutes.
- **Directed Individual Reflection.** 10 minutes. Reading/Reflecting/Journaling/Meditating on a short passage in Scripture focused around discussion questions that are designed to get to your heart and your Christian experience—not your knowledge base.
- **Sharing/Connecting/Reflecting Together** around the Directed Individual Reflection. 20-25 minutes. This is designed to be a safe place where we can share our joys and sorrows, struggles and victories, where we can know others and be known, and where we can encourage one another in the Christian life together.
- **Prayer.** 10-15 minutes. A time to pray for each other in light of what has been shared in our discussion. This isn't necessarily a time to break out a laundry list of requests around other circumstances, but more of a focused prayer around the Scripture and discussion this morning.

Weekly Connection

1. Call somebody this week.
2. Pray for somebody this week.
3. Consider pursuing "Paul," "Timothy," or "Silas" relationships.