

...and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembly together...but encouraging one another.
Heb 10:24-25

Share the teaching
Guard the sharing

Male Call

June 4, 2010—The Jesus Way—Discipleship-III

6:00 – 6:05	Coffee & Donuts—Opening Prayer
6:05 – 7:00	<p>“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.” —Jesus (John 14:6)</p> <p>“...and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:1b–2, NIV)</p> <p>1) Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) We said last week that we each contain all aspects of Jesus’ heart; however, one or more will be more intense.¹b) What is your preferred way of fixing your eyes on Jesus?²<ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Sensory—Enjoying the works of God (Psalm 19:1)ii) Rational—Understanding the nature of God (Proverbs 3:19)iii) Doctrinal—Thinking correctly about God (Colossians 2:8)iv) Scripture-driven—Applying the Word of God (Colossians 3:16)v) Sharing—Passing on God’s grace (2Corinthians 5:20)vi) Ascetic—Developing discipline for God (1Corinthians 9:27)vii) Enthusiastic—Celebrating the power of God (1Corinthians 4:20)viii) Mystical—Resting in the presence of God (Romans 8:26)ix) Sacramental—Expressing the incarnation of God (John 1:14)

¹ *Living From the Heart Jesus Gave You.* 112, 113.

² *The 3 Colors of Your Spirituality.* 28. There is more work to be done after identifying your native style.

- c) With the Holy Spirit, consider how you fix your eyes on Jesus (not how you are told to fix your eyes on Jesus). Use the styles above if they are helpful.

I find my eyes fixed on Jesus when I am...

2) The Joy Set Before Us

- a) Luke 22:15
 - i) Why such a desire?
- b) John 17:18
 - i) “As I was sent”...what does that mean to us?
- c) John 17:13
 - i) What “joy” does Jesus want for us?
- d) Psalm 37:4
 - i) Does our joy matter?
- e) Jeremiah 20:9
 - i) Is this “joy”?

	<p>f) With the Holy Spirit, consider what brings you joy.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>I find joy from...</p> </div> <p>3) What does this tell you about how you are made (Psalm 139:13-16) and how you are to follow Jesus (Matthew 10:38)?</p> <p>4) What does this tell you about how you are to disciple others (Matthew 28:18-20)?</p> <p>5) What does this tell you about how to encounter others with different ways of fixing their eyes on Jesus and different joy in their lives (1Corinthians 12:14-26)?</p> <p>6) What do these differences tell you about how we approach corporate worship?</p>
7:00	Closing Prayer
7:00 – ??	If you would like prayer, please come up front and one or more of us will remain to pray with you.

Further reading:

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