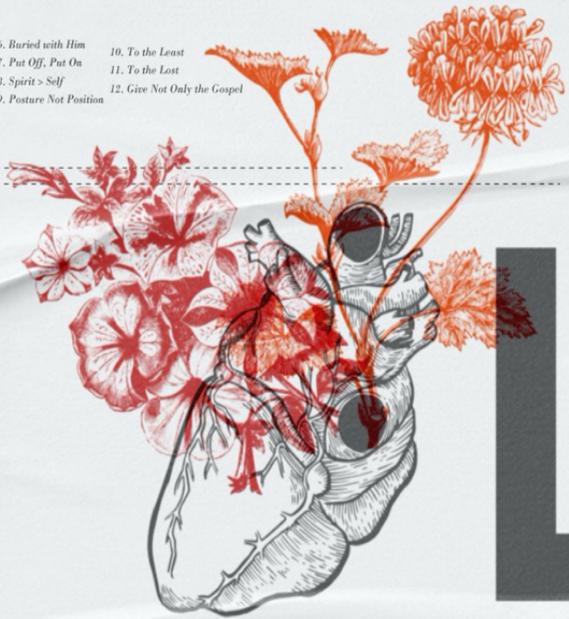


- 6. Buried with Him
- 7. Put Off, Put On
- 8. Spirit > Self
- 9. Posture Not Position
- 10. To the Least
- 11. To the Lost
- 12. Give Not Only the Gospel



LIVE.

DIE.

GIVE.



the three decisions of a daily disciple

While salvation may happen in an instant, discipleship is about making the daily decision to live for Christ, die to self and give your life in service to others.

- 1. Surrender to His Work
- 2. Submit to the Spirit
- 3. Start in the Scriptures
- 4. Seek First His Kingdom
- 5. Die Daily



NORTHEAST
BIBLE CHURCH

1: Surrender to His Work

BIG IDEA

The Scripture's call to *Live for Christ* is not a call to 'do,' it is a call to 'surrender.' It is only when we surrender our lives to Christ that we find life in Christ and receive the power we need to live for Christ.

GETTING STARTED

Use the following questions to break the ice and begin your group discussion together:

- *Perhaps you have heard someone say something like, "I live for the weekend!" Or, "I live for college football season!" Thinking about those statements, what does it mean when someone says they live for the weekend? What are they implying?*
- *Based on that: What do you think it means to "Live for Christ"? What does that imply for the life of a disciple of Jesus?*

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Read the following Scriptures together and then use the questions below (or any you wish to add) to discuss the text and unpacking its meaning.



Have someone in your group read **GALATIANS 2:15-20**.

- What do you know about the book of Galatians? Who was it written to and why was it written?

LEADERS NOTE:

Be prepared for this question to stump your group! That said, even though your group may not be able to answer this question, we believe it is important that they hear it asked. Every time we study a passage we must consider its context (who it was written to and why it was written) so that we don't take a passage out of context and wrongly apply it to our lives. A big part of our job as leaders is modelling proper Bible study... so **do** ask this question but be prepared to answer it for your group using the material provided below.

i The CONTEXT of Galatians:

Galatians was written to a group of Jewish believers who had turned to Christ but were now being tempted to go back to a works-based righteousness. Devout Jews had come into their midst seeking to convince them that they needed to follow the Old Testament Law and be circumcised in order to be saved and accepted by God. Paul rejects that and calls the Galatians back to salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.

- What is Paul's main point in Galatian 2:15-20? Summarize his big idea in your own words.
- Paul talks about being "justified." What does that term mean? What is Paul saying about us and our relationship with God?

Justification: "Being made right (or righteous) before God."

- In verse 20 Paul says, "the life I live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God." What do you think it means to live every day by faith? What might that look like in day to day life?

GETTING PRACTICAL

Discuss the following questions together as a group, giving particular thought to how we are called to live based on what the Scriptures have said.

1. When you think about the difference between living for Christ and living for ourselves, what does that look like?
2. As Christians we know that we *should* live for Christ every day... but so often we struggle doing so. Where do we often get tripped up?
3. What could we do this week to help us remember to "Live for Christ" in our moment by moment activities?

2: Submit to the Spirit

BIG IDEA

The Scripture's call to *Live for Christ* is not a call to try harder in our flesh, but a call to set our minds on the Spirit and submit to Him. For the mind set on the flesh leads to death but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

GETTING STARTED

Use the following questions to break the ice and begin your group discussion together:

- *Perhaps you have heard someone say something like, "You need to pull yourself up by your bootstraps!" Or, "You just need to get back on the horse!" What are these statements attempting to motivate people to do?*
- *Why do these statements not work in our life with God?*

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Read the following Scriptures together and then use the questions below (or any you wish to add) to discuss the text and unpacking its meaning.

 Have someone in your group **read Romans 8**.

- What do you know about the book of Romans? Who was it written to and why was it written?

LEADERS NOTE:

Be prepared for this question to stump your group! That said, even though your group may not be able to answer this question, we believe it is important that they hear it asked. Every time we study a passage we must consider its context (who it was written to and why it was written) so that we don't take a passage out of context and wrongly apply it to our lives. A big part of our job as leaders is modelling proper Bible study... so **do** ask this question but be prepared to answer it for your group using the material provided below.

i The CONTEXT of Romans:

Romans was written to a group of Jewish and Gentile believers in Rome who had not yet received the full articulation of the Gospel. Rome was known to be the center of the known world and a strategic place to expand the Kingdom work of the Gospel and of Paul. Paul lays out a full explanation of the Gospel and its impact on our thinking and living in Christ.

- What is Paul's main point in Romans 8:1-17? Summarize his big idea in your own words.

- Paul talks about being in "the flesh" versus being in "the Spirit". What do you think he means by this? What is Paul saying about how we are to live as Christians?

- In verse 13 Paul says, "For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live." What do you think it means to, "by the Spirit you put to death the deed of the body"? What might that look like in your day to day life?

GETTING PRACTICAL

Discuss the following questions together as a group, giving particular thought to how we are called to live based on what the Scriptures have said.

1. When you think about the difference between living in the flesh and living in the Spirit, what does that look like?

2. As Christians we know that we *should* submit to the Spirit... but so often we struggle doing so. Why do we struggle with this?

3. What could we do this week to help us remember to "Live for Christ" in our moment by moment activities?