



C. S. Lewis Institute

Conformed to His Image

Summer 2024 Course Schedule

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 ten-week study on the 12 facets of the Christian spirituality using *Conformed to His Image* book by Kenneth Boa. The reading for each week is to be completed prior to the weekly class. Each class include an interactive lecture which will review the core principles of each facet; 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

1. *Conformed to His Image* (Revised Edition) by Kenneth Boa, Zondervan Academic
2. Holy Bible

Course Schedule: July 18 to Oct. 3, 2024 (6:30-8:30pm CT)

Week	Date	Facets	Reading
Week 1	July 18	Facet 1: Relational Spirituality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loving God Completely • Loving Ourselves Correctly • Loving Others Facet 6: Devotional Spirituality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Image of God • The Contemplative Way • Growing in Love with God 	1-40 149-187
Week 2	July 25	Facet 2: Paradigm Spirituality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journey with Intention • Trusting God 	41-60
Week 3	Aug. 1	Facet 3: Disciplined Spirituality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dependence and Discipline • Spiritual Disciplines 	61-87
Week 4	Aug. 8	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	Aug. 15	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	Aug. 22	Facet 7: Holistic Spirituality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Centrality of Christ • An Integrated Life • Relationships, Work and Society • Stewardship and Purpose Facet 8: Process Spirituality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process vs. Product • Being vs. Doing • Trust, Gratitude and Contentment 	205-250 265-300

<p>Week 7</p>	<p>Aug. 29</p>	<p>Facet 9: Spirit Filled Spirituality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking in the Power of the Spirit • The Gifts of the Spirit • Openness and Discernment <p>Facet 11: Nurturing Spirituality</p> <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 	<p>301-337</p> <p>385-436</p>
<p>Week 8</p>	<p>Sept. 12</p>	<p>Facet 10: Warfare Spirituality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warfare with the Flesh and World • Warfare with the Devil and His Demons • The Weapons of Our Warfare 	<p>339-384</p>
<p>Week 9</p>	<p>Sept. 26</p>	<p>Facet 12: Corporate Spirituality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Need for Community • The Nature and Purpose of Church • Soul Care, Leadership, Accountability and Renewal 	<p>437-476</p>
<p>Week 10</p>	<p>Oct. 3</p>	<p>Conclusion: What it takes to Finish Well</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Steps • Faith in Diversity • Personality Types and Faith • Our Christian Heritage 	<p>477-494</p> <p>495-508</p> <p>509-542</p>