

Sermon Discussion Guide



June 21 - Reading the Bible
June 28 - Meditate & Memorize the Bible
July 5 - Prayer, Confession, Fasting
July 12 - Stewardship
July 19 - Service & Mission
July 26 - Fellowship

From Heaven to Earth (6-Week Series Overview)

We have learned in the last 6 weeks (*From Death to Life*), that God's grace not only saves us but is also powerfully working to transform us into the image of Christ. But how exactly does God bring about this change in us? What ordained and ordinary channels does His transforming grace flow through, and therefore, how can we position ourselves to walk in the goodness of His grace? This 6-week series, *From Heaven to Earth*, aims to answer those very questions as we spend time thinking together about the means of grace God has established for us to increasingly enjoy Christ and the benefits of His redemption, to feed and nourish our souls, and thereby function as a catalyst for our spiritual growth. May God grow us, together, in the grace and knowledge of Christ (2 Pt 3:18).

Discussion Questions

1. What was the Big Idea? What means of grace / spiritual discipline was in focus?
 - a. What has been your personal experience with this spiritual discipline? (share a brief history of successes, failures, confusion, ignorance/uncertainty, growth, etc..)
2. What was the Main Scripture Passage?
 - a. Read the passage(s) and make initial observations: context, structure/flow, main point.
3. How should this passage and teaching influence our:
 - **(Head)** What we think about God, ourselves, this world, and those around us?
 - **(Heart)** In what way does this means of grace both reveal what is in our hearts and also function as a way that our desires, affections, and hopes are trained and transformed?
 - **(Hands)** What actions and behaviors correspond to this teaching? How could your daily and weekly rhythms be changed or transformed to better align with God's desires to grow you in this area?
4. How do our internal heart motives relate to our external habits and practices?
5. When it comes to this spiritual discipline, what other motives try to rule your heart? (Guilt? A way to earn God's favor instead of delighting and growing in our experience of favor already received? A way to appear more righteous to others?)
6. How does the gospel of Jesus radically transform how we view this specific means of grace?