

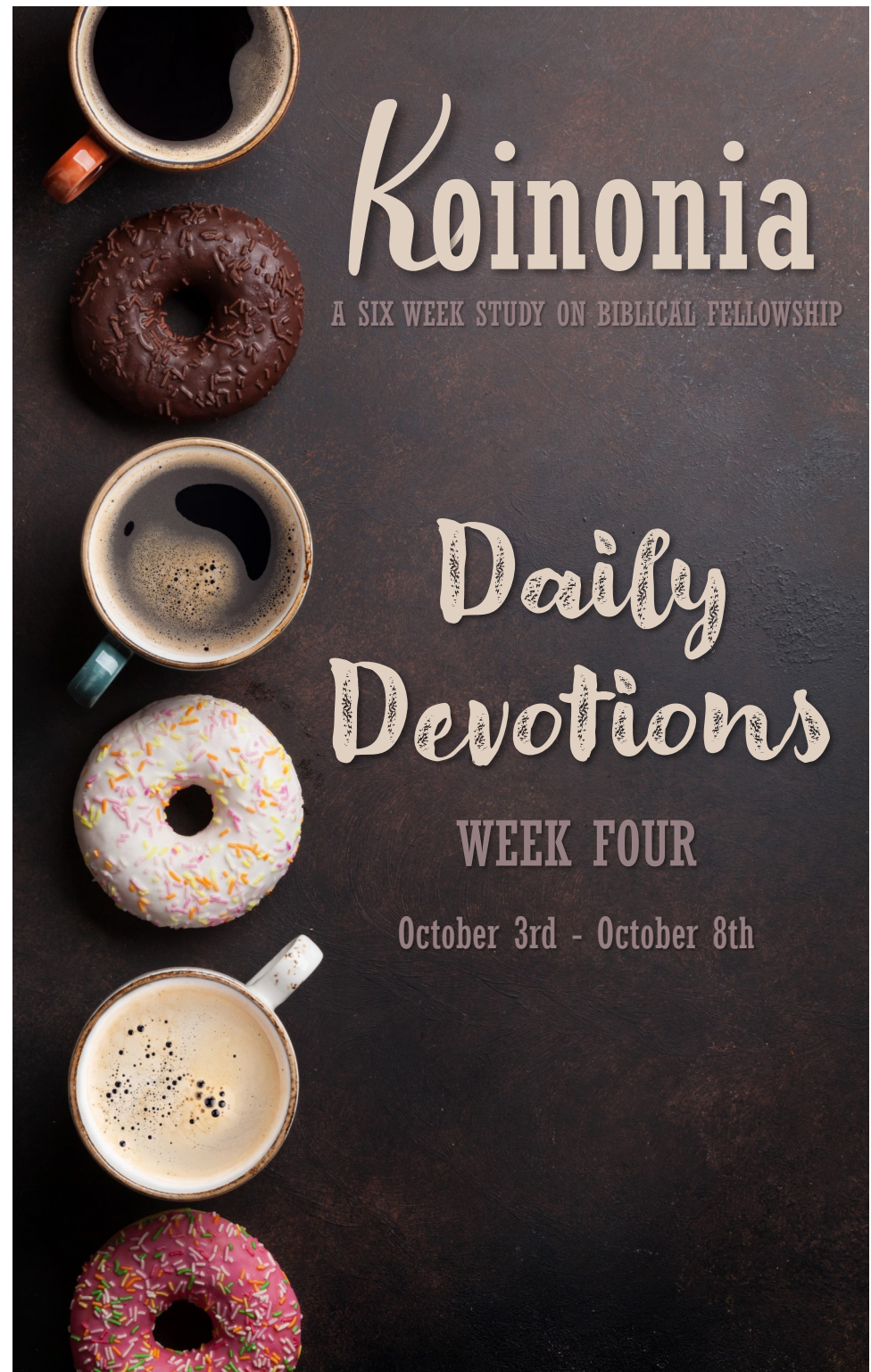
Week 4: Day 6

As we gear up for our Panel discussion with Pastor Phil, Pastor Dan, and Pastor Jesse. Spend the rest of your week digging into Colossians 3:12-17

-What are some “Observations” that you see with this passage?

-What are some “Interpretations” from this passage?

-What are some “Applications” from this passage?



Observation, Interpretation, Application Study Tool

Observation

1. WHO is speaking? Who is this about? Who are the main characters?
2. WHAT is the subject or event covered in the chapter? What do you learn about the people, event, or teaching? What historical time frame is this being spoken in? What type of literature is being written here (historical narrative, poetic, prophetic, allegorical, wisdom literature)?
3. WHEN do/will the events occur or did/will something happen to someone?
4. WHERE did or will this happen? Where was it said?
5. WHY is something being said or mentioned? Why would/will this happen? Why at that time and/or to this person/people?
6. HOW will it happen? How is it to be done? How is it illustrated?

Interpretation

1. Why is the author writing this particular passage?
2. What sinful, broken or fallen condition is being addressed or corrected by this passage?

-What are some “Interpretations” from this passage?

-What are some “Applications” from this passage?

-What do all of these verses share in common with each other? The obvious answer is “well its from the Bible so it is Jesus!” While that is correct, the common thread is that it is done with others. What then is holding you back from being in a small group or hosting a small group?

-What are some “Applications” from this passage?

It may not come out and directly say small groups, but the next step in our walk with Christ is to plug into a group of believers so that we can grow and mature in our relationship with Christ. A small group is all about coming alongside of one another to do life together and to encourage one another. How can we hope to encourage and do life with others if we are not in a small group or even attending church?

Week 4: Day 5

We ended yesterday with the question of “How can we hope to encourage and do life with others if we are not in a small group or even attending church?” Do we have to be involved in church or involved in a small group to be able to come alongside others?

Read Ephesians 4:29, 1st Peter 4:8-10, Proverbs 12:25, 2nd Corinthians 1:3-4

-What are some “Observations” that you see with this passage?

3. What deeper sin or heart issues are being exposed or corrected?

4. How does this passage point to God’s character and Glory?

5. How do we see God’s redemptive plan (gospel) being worked out in the people’s lives?

Application

1. In what ways am I looking to find hope and fulfillment in things besides you, Lord?

2. In what ways am I seeking to earn your favor rather than live by grace?

3. What do my actions suggest that I’m wrongly believing about your character, our relationship, and what you’ve said in your Word?

4. In what am I making my treasure (looking to for my worth, identity and joy) other than Christ?

5. What old sinful thoughts and beliefs am I trusting in and need to repent of? What new thoughts and beliefs should I trust in and walk in according to my reading today?

Week 4: Day 1

This past Sunday, Phil shared with us that sin keeps us from fellowshiping with God. In the book of 1st Peter 2:11, Peter writes, “Dear friends, I urge you as strangers and exiles to abstain from sinful desires that wage war against the soul.”

As we dig into the Bible today, what areas of your life do you feel that sin can entice you away from God?

Read Galatians 5:16-21

-What are some “Observations” that you see with this passage?

-What are some “Interpretations” from this passage?

Week 4: Day 4

If we have confessed Jesus as Lord, if our position is changed based on Christ, if we are reading and studying God’s word (Bible), and growing in our relationship with Christ, what then is the next step in our walk with Christ?

Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 and Proverbs 3:27

-What are some “Observations” that you see with this passage?

-What are some “Interpretations” from this passage?

-Repentance: change of place or condition, change the mind, relent. It involves regret or sorrow, accompanied by a true change of heart toward God . Acts 2 says that

we need to repent. We need to change our position with God. Romans 10 tells us how we change our position with God.

-If we have already done what Romans 10 says, if we have repented and our position is changed (Based on the work of Christ on the cross for our sins), then how do we grow in our walk with Christ? (See Psalm 119:11, 2nd Peter 3:18)

-What are some “Applications” from this passage?

-Sin has devastating consequences when it comes not only to our fellowship with others, but our fellowship with God. Before you end your time today in your devotions, spend time in prayer confessing your sins to God and repenting.

Week 4: Day 2

Yesterday, in Galatians 5 we read a list of things that our flesh (our own nature) desires. We also read that those desires are opposite of what the Holy Spirit’s desires are. So what then does the Holy Spirit desire for a Christian’s life?

Read Galatians 5:22-26

-What are some “Observations” that you see with this passage?

-What are some “Interpretations” from this passage?

-What are some “Applications” from this passage?

-How is the “Fruit of The Spirit (Holy Spirit)” different from the “Fruit of the flesh?”?

The fruit of the Spirit is based on our connection with Christ. If we are connected with Christ we will tend to respond with the fruit of the Spirit. If we are connected to the flesh, we will respond with the desires of the flesh.

What areas of your life are you needing Christ to come and change to help you respond with the Fruit of the Spirit?

Week 4: Day 3

If we see areas of our life that are in need of changing because we are responding with the desires of the flesh rather than the desires of the Spirit, how then does that change take place? Is it more growth in our relationship with Christ or do we need Christ in our lives?

Read Acts 2:38-40 and Romans 10:1-3, 8-12

-What are some “Observations” that you see with this passage?

-What are some “Interpretations” from this passage?

-What are some “Applications” from this passage?