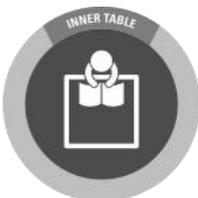


Sermon Notes

“Quality Construction”
June 23, 2019



**First
Friends**
Church



Seeking God
in Solitude



Finding God
in Friendship



Celebrating God
in Community



Reflecting God
in Relationships

Reflection Questions (*please use these individually or in groups*)

Sermon Questions:

1. Is there any form of worldly pleasure or wisdom that has been pulling you away from the foundation of Christ?
2. Have you been building a *functional* or *formidable* house on the foundation of Christ?
3. Looking back on your life, what have you built that has been durable, usable or valuable?
4. Choose just a few words of Jesus to build something solid and steadfast this week.

Additional Question:

1. Do you have a trusted and wise Christian friend who, like Paul to the Corinthians, can help guide you in your pursuit of building on the foundation of Christ with quality materials? If not, will you seek one?

Devotional Reading & Inward Reflection

- **1 Cor. 1:22-25 | How is a crucified Savior a “stumbling block” to some and “foolishness” to others still today?**
- **1 Cor. 6:19-20 | How does the idea that you are “not your own” affect the way you view and live your life?**
- **Malachi 4:1-2 | Does it surprise you that “arrogance” is specifically listed in this passage on judgment? Why or why not?**
- **Rev. 4:9-11 | Why is God worthy to receive even our “crowns?”**

Self-Care Disciplines (Excerpts from *Celebration of Discipline*)

June Discipline: Steps into Worship | “Presence & Practice” (p. 172-173)

To worship is to experience Reality, to touch Life. It is to know, to feel, to experience the resurrected Christ in the midst of the gathered community. It is a breaking into the glory of God, or better yet, being invaded by the glory of God. The following are simple steps that can aide in the experience of worship.

You need to learn to offer a sacrifice of worship. Many times you will not “feel” like worshiping. Perhaps you have had so many disappointing experiences in the past that you think it is hardly worth it. There is such a low sense of the power of God. Few people are adequately prepared. But you need to go anyway. You need to offer a sacrifice of worship. You need to be with the people of God and say, “These are my people. As stiff-necked and hard-hearted and sinful as we may be, together we come to God.”

One log by itself cannot burn for very long, but when many logs are put together, even if they are poor logs, they can make quite a fire. Remember Proverbs 27:17—“iron sharpens iron.” Even rather dull lives can help each other if they are willing to try.

Note: Don't let these burden you each week. Please engage only if you feel it would be beneficial in caring for yourself. Sometimes self-care involves giving yourself a break, even from self care disciplines.