STRONG christian



CLOSER LOOK 1.28.24

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Scripture: John 3:1-12 ESV, John 3:4 ESV, Galatians 5:19-21 ESV, Galatians 5:22-23 ESV, Galatians 5:1 ESV, Matthew 16:24 ESV

Ice Breaker: Share a moment from this past week where your flesh triumphed over your spirit way of living, or vice versa? Given the chance, would you make the same decisions?

Message Notes

When Jesus and Nicodemus had an encounter in John 3, we are reminded of the challenge between our *flesh* and *spirit*. Nicodemus was looking for an answer to satisfy his understanding, but Jesus redirected his attention to the needs of the Spirit.

"Flesh" = Desires something to HAVE
"Spirit" = moves us to someone we BECOME
...and both are continually in opposition to one another.

So HOW do we BECOME people of the Spirit.

- 1) Go after Jesus
- 2) Deny yourself
- 3) Follow Him

Questions

- 1. What is a current need you have? If you were God, what would be the direction/guidance to yourself in the midst of it?
- 2. What does it look like to "go after Jesus?"
- 3. In your day to day, what helps you have a SPIRIT perspective when it comes to *denying* yourself? What hinders that perspective?

What's Coming Up

For more all that is coming up in the life of church, visit: https://rock.celebration.church/events

Prayer

Father we thank You for Jesus, for your Holy Spirit and the Word. Lord help us to surrender our flesh to you and allow your Holy Spirit to lead us. Lord please awaken us to the reality of your Holy Spirit. In Jesus name we pray!