

home church

General Reflection and Discussion:

1. As you reflect on Sunday's message, what principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?
2. If the message had to be re-delivered, what two points or ideas would you encourage the speaker to include no matter what?
3. What's one thing from this message that you hope we talk about as a group?
4. Was there one thing that you most agreed or disagreed with from this message? What was it and why?
5. Read the scripture.
 - + Reflecting on these verses, what strikes you most? Why?
 - + What is most challenging in these verses? Encouraging? New?
 - + If these verses were applied to our culture today, how would it change?
6. When and where do you struggle the most with [whatever issue(s) this message raised]?
7. If you were to incorporate this truth into your own life, how would the next week be different?
8. Describe your life one year from now if you consistently applied this truth.



FIVE SHIFTS OF TRUE REVIVAL + REFORMATION

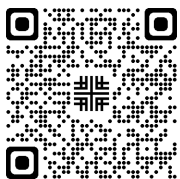
A reformation is a period of recalibration and course-correction. Any community around for as long as the church will experience inevitable drift over time. Yet the Spirit has worked again and again throughout history to draw the church back toward its center. Key moments come when particular ideas and practices are rethought and core truths are rediscovered.

Rapid cultural and technological change, clergy scandals, church divisions, and political turmoil have resulted in a period where “deconstruction” is the buzzword. Many Christians find themselves rethinking their faith, and many outside the church dismiss Christianity as having nothing true or relevant left to say to the world.

THIS SUNDAY:

Shift 3.5: Reframing through Sacrificial Love

Money, Sex, and Power touch all people, everywhere, for all time—every thinker and spiritual path wrestles with them. Richard Foster points out, "The ancient monastic vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience were a direct response to the issues of money, sex, and power. Or think of the Puritans, who answered the question with their emphasis upon industry, faithfulness, and order (5)." There is a way that love, defined by Jesus, can help us live into these in life-giving ways.



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