

Authentic Discipleship

#6 -One Spirit

Read Chapter #6 – “One Spirit” (pages 65-71) before meeting.

“We are one spirit with God. We function as one. We are not absorbed into the Lord, however. There is an “I” and there is a “He,” but we are joined to Him and we function as one. It is a function of cooperation, like a union of gears that mesh together. Our union with God doesn’t mean we’re so swallowed up in God that we lose our identity. But neither is there a separation. Rather, the two function as one for the purposes of the greater one, God.

He that is joined to the Lord is one spirit. This is a mystery. One plus one equals one. How can that be? The divine and the human are one.

Until we know and live out our union with Christ, we will never fully manifest the life of God within us. Some of it will inevitably shine through now and again, despite us. But for the most part we will manifest our own merely human life.”¹

Read:

- Colossians 1:26-27
- 1 Corinthians 6:17

Group Questions and Discussion:

1. What is the only way we can understand a mystery? (p67) How do you interpret 1+1=1? (p67)
2. How does our union with Christ work? (p67)

Read:

- Colossians 3:10-11
- Galatians 2:20

Small Groups (max 2-3) Questions:

1. What does the Bible mean by “flesh” and how is that different from the “old man” or “old nature?”
2. Note the uses of “according” and “in” In Romans 8:5-11. Can “flesh” be describing our bodies and our soul?
3. How do we live as Jesus did according to page 71?

Whole Group:

1. What is our part in the process of our faith journey? (p71)

Prayer

¹ Dan Stone and David Gregory, *The Rest of the Gospel, When the Partial Gospel Has Worn You Out* (Eugene, Harvest House Publishers, 2000), 66-67.