

Tapping Into God's Reservoir, Dec. 5-8

WHY LEARNING COMMUNITIES? *Circle Two Opportunity...*

To become better and better disciples of Christ TOGETHER so we can face **anything** through...

1. Deeper learning of Biblical truth
2. Stronger “iron sharpening iron” relationships

Ephesians 4:12–16 (ESV)

HOUSEKEEPING:

- ➔ There are major, significant things afoot in the Unseen – MAJOR!
- ➔ **PRAY, PRAY, PRAY, PRAY, PRAY!** For God to get at soul-deep stuff individually and as church family.

When serious about being pipelines of God's supernatural love

- ➔ About pipelines... not how it looks but what is flowing *into* it and *out* of it

- ➔ 24 hour input monitor...

- ➔ REALITY CHECK: American Christianity... much of the problem is what we are tapping into – can't attend worship, do a quick devo and then listen and watch the culture for hours and be tapped into Jesus

1. Our purpose is to connect as pipelines.

Galatians 6:7–10 (ESV) (pew Bible page 975)

Hebrews 12:1–2 (ESV) ¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also **lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,** ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

2. Our thoughts connect as pipelines TO SOMETHING.

Romans 12:1–2 (ESV) (pew Bible page 947)

Philippians 4:4–9 (ESV) (pew Bible page 982)

- ➔ Which begs the question: *what is my mind being filled with?*

2 Corinthians 10:4–6 (ESV) ⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. ⁵We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, ⁶being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.

1 Corinthians 15:33–34 (ESV) ³³Do not be deceived: **“Bad company ruins good morals.”** ³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

- ➔ People influence people for good or evil, a “neutral” principle. What we listen to, WHO we listen to, read, watch influences us, thus a BIG part of following Christ is *choosing well who we listen to.*

Proverbs 12:26 (ESV) One who is righteous is a guide to his neighbor, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

Proverbs 27:17 (ESV) Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:5–6 (ESV) ⁵Better is open rebuke than hidden love. ⁶Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

Ecclesiastes 4:9–12 (ESV) ⁹Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. ¹⁰For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! ¹¹Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? ¹²And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

3. Our actions connect as pipelines.

Philippians 2:12–18 (ESV) (pew Bible page 981)

Colossians 3:1–5a, 12a (ESV) ¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you...

^{12a}Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,

Takeaways...

