



DIGGING DEEPER

WEEK 5: Character

This study guide is designed to help you dig deeper into the weekend message and apply it to your life. The questions below are meant to encourage thoughtful reflection, discussion, and prayer for you, and your group.

PRAY [Have someone open in prayer.]

MESSAGE SUMMARY

This week at Fair Oaks Church we conclude our series on *Spiritual Fitness*. We looked at the next essential quality of a Christ-like lifestyle: character.

KEY SCRIPTURE [Read aloud]

"To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits[b] of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **Revelation 3:1-6**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you from this weekend's message or key scripture?
2. Read Revelation 3:1-6 together. What do you think is the difference between reputation and character?
3. Comment on Oswald Chambers' definition of character.
"The expression of Christian Character is not good doing, but Christ likeness. If the spirit of God has transformed you within, you will exhibit Divine characteristics in your life, not good human characteristics. God's life in us expresses itself as God's life, not as human life trying to be godly."
4. How have you grown as a result of this series? Give an example.
5. What's the key to changing the habits Paul lists in Ephesians 4:25-32? (Hint: Read Ephesians 4:22-23)
6. Share one area of your character development where God has been at work.

PRAY [Close your time in prayer. Allow time to pray for any needs in your group.]

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Take a moment to take a look at the character section of our Spiritual Fitness Assessment (available at fopc.org/spiritualfitness or via the **Fair Oaks app**). Share your score in this area with your group.