

For the deepest and most consequential areas of our lives we don't need new wisdom, we need _____ wisdom.

Jeremiah 6:16 NIV

This is what the LORD says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls..."

Ancient Habit #2: _____.

Spiritual Formation: The lifelong, Spirit-driven _____ of personal transformation into the likeness of _____.

Galatians 4:19-20 My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you... (NIV)

Learning to Kneel:

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (NIV)

"They devoted themselves... to the apostles' teaching..."

1. Kneelers see themselves as _____ and humbly choose to pour themselves into the mold of God's story and revealed Truth.

The Kneeler's Gut-Check: "Are we devoting _____ to the teaching of scripture or am I devoting the scriptures to _____ situation?"

2. Kneelers kneel _____.

The Kneeler's Gut-Check: "Am I prepared to pursue the wonderful & messy journey of spiritual formation within relational _____ with other believers?"

3. Kneelers cast aside their presumptions and personal agendas and _____ themselves into a whole new Reality.

Joshua 1:8 NIV Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it.

The Kneeler's Gut-Check: "Am I immersing myself into this _____ life or adding a dose here and there to my same _____ life?"

4. Kneelers allow this new Reality to redefine their entire _____ & _____.

- My _____: my basic assumptions about life & reality, seen and unseen.
- My _____: my sense of connectedness to the community of believers.
- My _____: my chosen lifestyle.

The Kneeler's Gut-Check: Am I allowing my entire life – believing, behaving & belonging – to be _____ by this new Reality?"

So What?

- 1) A faith that is espoused but not embraced fully, is not only irrelevant it is _____.**
- 2) Anything else is to image that God would kneel to our agenda and that is _____.**
- 3) Our friends, neighbors, family members and co-workers who are far from God don't need to hear our schpeal, they need to see Truth _____.**