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February 21 & 24, 2024

Lesson 12

## (D3: MINISTRY) SOUL CARE IN THE CHURCH

**DUE:**

**Wednesday, March 6/ Saturday, March 9**

Before starting your Wellspring homework, praise God for who He is based on something you learned about Him from this lesson or something you've seen in your daily Bible reading. Ask Him to help you grow in your love for Him and your obedience to Him through your time of study.

### **LOOKING BACK...**

1. Knowing that soul care is the responsibility of every believer, what are some reasons that you may be tempted to defer this sort of care to others (e.g. pastors)?
2. In what places has God uniquely placed me to practice caring for others spiritual needs in the local church? In what ways does your care for others in this area need to grow?
3. Read James 5:16. Are you openly confessing your sins to others in the church so that they may be able to step into your life and care for you and help you pursue Christlikeness? Are you inviting others in the body of Christ into your life? In your smallgroup? Are you involved in a smallgroup?
4. What are some key gospel-truths that God has used to in your life to help you have victory over sin and pursue Christlikeness? In what circumstances could you share this same passage in ministering to someone seeking your help in this area of their life? What other passages would be helpful?
5. Why is it important to use biblical categories and terminology to describe people's problems.
6. Read Ephesians 4:15-16, and Galatians 6:1-2. What is the attitude and demeanor that should characterize us when we care for other sheep in the church? When is this most difficult?

7. What recurring themes of sin routinely come up in your smallgroup? What are some practical ways that you can commit to equipping yourself in this area in the next two months so that you might improve your usefulness in caring for the souls of those in your smallgroup in this area?

**LOOKING DAY BY DAY...**

1. In your Bible reading this week, write down where have you seen examples of Jesus or believers caring for the souls of others. What characteristics define their care?

2. In your Bible reading this week, write down what commands you encounter instructing believers regarding sin that must be put off. Write down any different terms our culture has substituted for those sins in an attempt to redefine them as normal behavior.

**LOOKING AHEAD...**

In preparation for the Lesson 13, *Repentance/Forgiveness*, read Psalm 51- David's repentance after the prophet Nathan confronts him about his sin with Bathsheba.

Notice all the times David mentions his own sin. Write down all the things he says about his own sin.

**Wellspring Kids Memory Verse:**

"I shall remember the deeds of the Lord; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old. I will meditate on all Your works and muse on all Your deeds. Your Way, O God, is holy; What god is great like our God? You are the God who works wonders; You have made known Your strength among the peoples."

Psalm 77:11-14