

How to Use this Message Tool

The teachings on Sundays are designed to reach you in your journey with God. They should lead you toward transformation and growth. We invite you to use this tool in your daily walk alone, in your family, or with a small community group. We believe that life change happens in community and hope this tool will develop practices and experiences that reflect this life change; becoming more like Jesus Christ.

Questions will serve to incorporate what you learn into how you act, think, and talk; Practices are disciplines to which you submit so that a specific character quality develops more fully in you.



Sloth & Hunger for Life

“Dante correctly called sloth a failure to love God with all our heart, mind, and soul, and thus sloth is antithetical to what Jesus painted as the heaven-born life. We should think of sloth as a hell-like condition, for those given to it fail to live. Sloth is content to aim us toward either apathy or fanaticism. All that matters is that the target is worthless.”

[Jeff Cook, *Seven: the Deadly Sins and the Beatitudes*. (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2008), 70.]

1. Is being slothful or apathetic the same as being lazy? How do you define those terms?
2. If God is actively filling the voids in our world, why are there still holes (loneliness, pain, ignorance)?
3. Do you hunger and thirst for things to be made right? What kills this passion within us? What do you often want instead?
4. What have you learned about “sloth/apathy” and “hunger for life” from the sermon this Sunday? How will you use or apply it in your life?