

# Group Life.

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER



## ICEBREAKER

What were your thoughts as you viewed Fairhaven's 60th anniversary video?

How does the title, "Steadfast" (title of this current sermon series), apply to the brief history of Fairhaven Church as presented in the 60th anniversary video?

## INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

What most stood out to you from Pastor David's message?

In light of our 60th anniversary, David challenged all of us to consider our next right step. What's your next right step? Would you please share that with your group?

## INTO THE WORD

**Read Acts 17:28** in reference to David's explanation of the Latin phrase, "Coram Deo." This phrase is a reminder that all of life is about God and that we live our whole lives to the glory and honor of God.

Theologian R.C. Sproul said the essence of coram Deo is to "live one's entire life in the presence of God, under the authority of God, to the glory of God."

Spend a few minutes in your group discussing how we do that and what that looks like in our lives on a daily basis.

**Read 1 Timothy 4:7.** How does this verse contrast to the myth that spiritual growth is passive and "just happens over time"?

**Read 1 Peter 2:2-3, Psalm 42:1, and Matthew 6:33.** What idea ties these verses together?

What's the connection between 1 Peter 2:2 and 2:3?

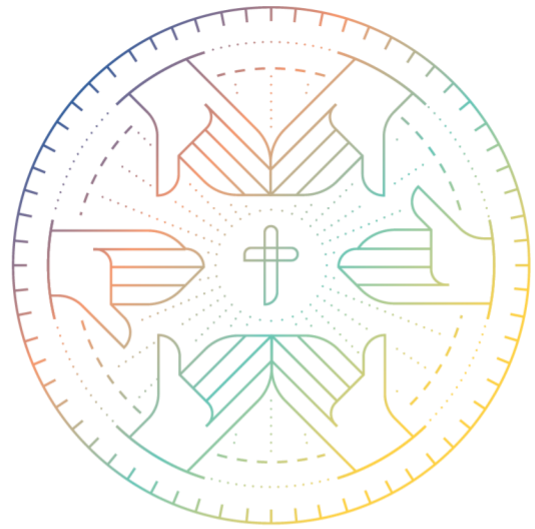
**Read Hebrews 5:12-13.** What is the implication the writer is making regarding spiritual growth?

**Read 1 Peter 2:9-10.** How should these two verses reflect a follower of Jesus Christ?

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Is there a particular element of these two verses that you'd like to influence how you view yourself (your identity)?

## APPLICATION (15 MINUTES)

Was there a significant personal application that you took away from the message? Share that with the group.

What is one way you can respond to Coram Deo in your own life?

Psalm 34:8 says, "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!" How have you tasted the goodness of God? In what ways have you tasted that the Lord is good?

What "spiritual sacrifices" (1 Peter 2:5) can you offer to God today, or this week?

In the message David asked us, by way of raised hands, how many of us have seen the goodness of God. In what ways over the last seven days have you seen the goodness of God?

Are you content with the life story you are publishing?

## DAILY THIS WEEK

Pray each day that God would give you a deep longing for the Word of God to draw you into a closer and more mature relationship with Jesus.

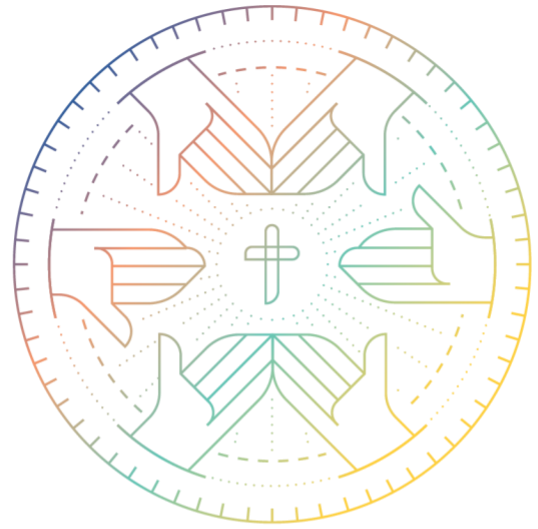
Reflect on the fact that you "will never be put to shame" in any of the ways you live for Jesus. HE will always honor your devotion to Him.

Take one step today to put away the malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander that so easily slips into our heart and personality. Ask God if there are any of these or other vices that have slipped unnoticed into your life.

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## PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

*Our Savior and Lord Jesus, I long for you and I want to grow in your image and likeness. Because of your grace toward me, help me to grow in maturity and trust in you. You are my life, my everything. I desire to live in Coram Deo and offer to you the sacrifices and devotion due your name. Amen.*