

COKER NEWS & GATHERINGS



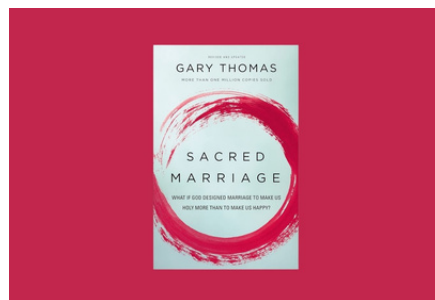
Wednesdays at Coker 5:30-7:30 PM | Family Life Center

Join us for dinner and a time of going deeper in God's Word together. Dinner is no cost, but RSVPs are required by end of day Sunday for the following Wednesday. RSVP at Coker.org/Events, on the Coker App, or by scanning the QR Code.



Wesley Dinner Groups Leader Training September 2 10 AM & 6 PM | Wesley 804

Could you host a meal and a conversation? Wesley Dinner Groups bring together 5-10 people to share a meal and talk honestly about their faith. We're looking for hosts and leaders. Join us on Sept. 2 at 10 AM or 6 PM to learn more about what it takes to lead a group. Learn more and sign-up at: Coker.org/Events



Sacred Marriage | Sept. 10-Oct. 29 (Thurs) 6:30-8:30 PM | Wesley 703/704

Facilitated by Ron & Vanessa Smeberg
What if God designed marriage to make us holy more than to make us happy? Whether you've been married for six months or sixty years, every marriage has room to grow! Learn more and sign-up at Coker.org/Events



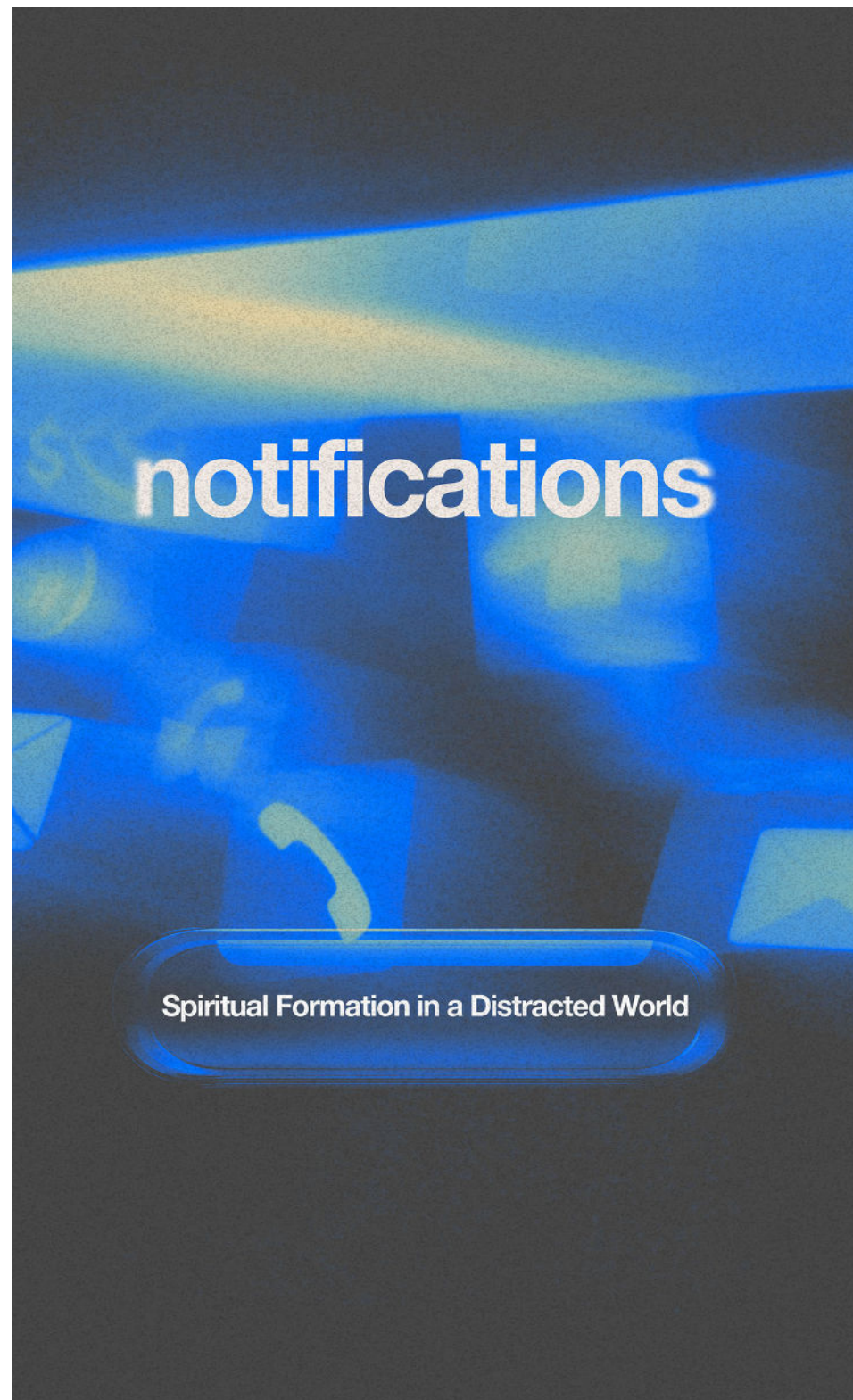
"Women's Monday Night Zoom Bible Study: 'The Gospel of John'" Sept. 14-Oct. 26, 8-9 PM | Online via Zoom

Facilitated by Cheryl Kendall. Slow down and linger with the Living Word. In this 7-session study by Melissa Spoelstra, you'll journey through the Gospel of John. Grow in intimacy with Christ and learn to walk, serve, and rest in His peace. Books are available at Amazon and Lifeway. Register at: Coker.org/Events

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For more upcoming events visit us at

www.coker.org/events



TODAY'S WORSHIP at 11 AM

13th Sunday after Pentecost, August 23, 2026

PRELUDE - Prelude on "Aurelia" - John Dixon

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** - Come, Thou Almighty King #27

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** and **GLORIA PATRI**

***WELCOME** and **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

THIRD GRADE BIBLES

CALL TO PRAYER - I Surrender All - Refrain #607

UNISON PRAYER and **PASTORAL PRAYER**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC - "Largo" from "Sonata for Cello and Piano," Op. 65
(Frederic Chopin) John Stuart, cello

OFFERING OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND PRESENCE

OFFERTORY - All Things Bright and Beautiful (Rutter)

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

***SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 11:25-30 John Roy

SERMON "The Hamster Wheel" Rev. Dr. Adam Knight

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** - He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought #73

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

***SENDING FORTH** - He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought-Refrain #73

POSTLUDE - Festive Trumpet Tune - David German

*Please stand, as able

FIRST TIME GUEST?

Welcome! Thank you for worshiping with us today! At Coker, we have a place for you to belong and a plan to grow in Jesus. Come by the Welcome Desk in the Narthex or outside the Sanctuary so we can meet you, or visit Coker.org/Events to sign up for the next Connecting at Coker!

NOTES

"The Hamster Wheel" - Matthew 11:25-30 NRSV

Clergy

Rev. Dr. Adam Knight, Senior Pastor
Rev. Damon Relder, Senior Associate Pastor
Rev. Clay Smallwood, Pastor of NextGen Ministries
Rev. José Mercado, Pastor of Coker Español

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