

COKER NEWS & GATHERINGS



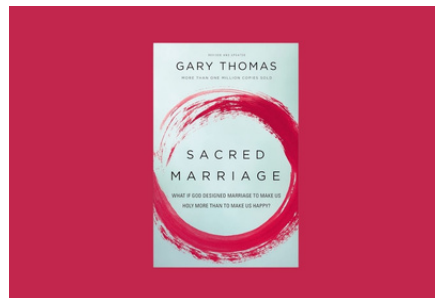
Wednesdays at Coker **5:30-7:30 PM | Family Life Center**

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



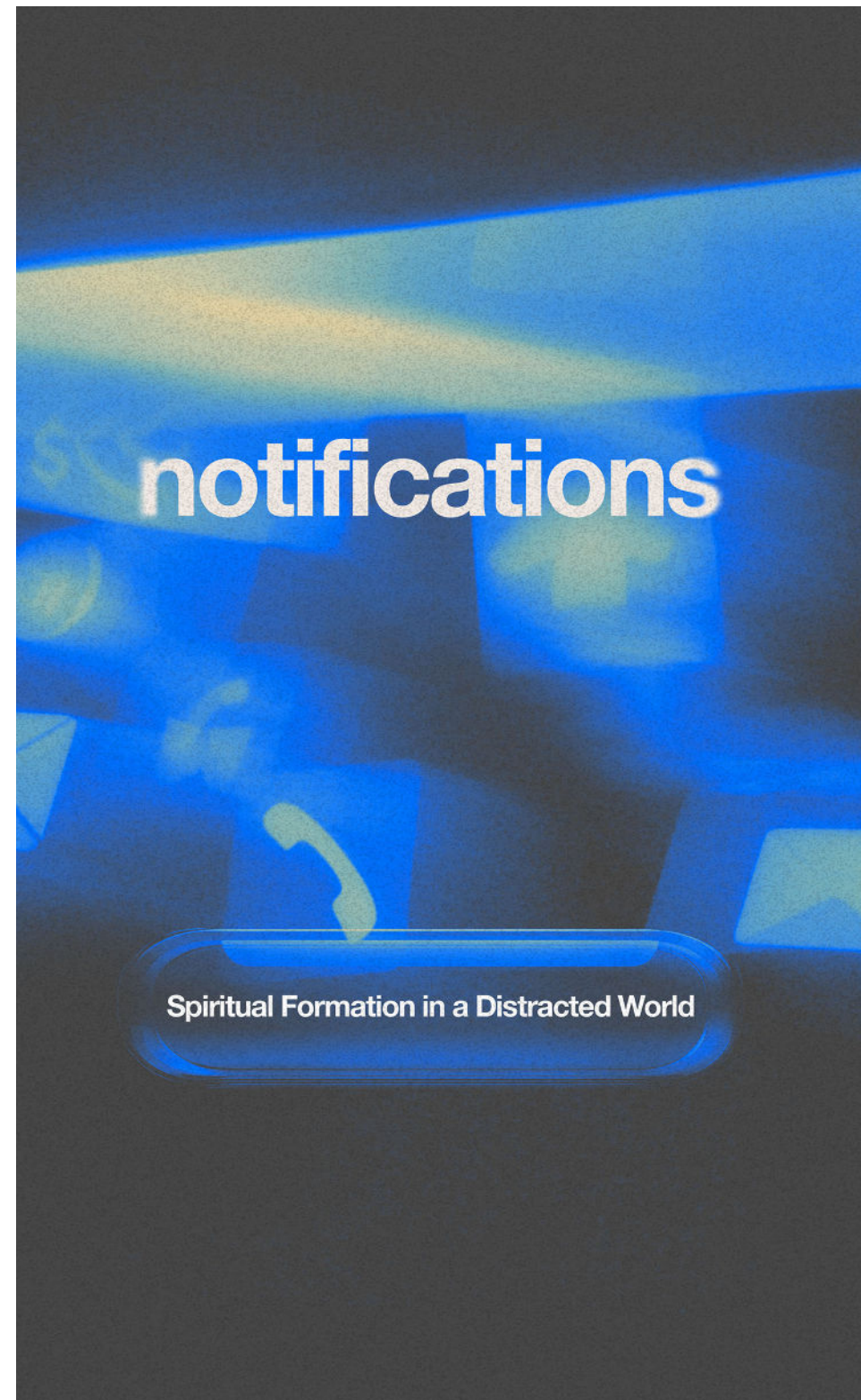
Sacred Marriage | Sept. 10-Oct. 29 (Thurs) **6:30-8:30 PM | Wesley 703/704**

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



TODAY'S WORSHIP | 9:30 AM

13th Sunday after Pentecost - August 23, 2026

Welcome to worship at Coker! Our hope and prayer is that this time together offers you the chance to commune and connect with God and others through worship in song, study and reflection in the scriptures, and transformation by the Holy Spirit. Will you take a moment, even as you read this, to allow the grace, love and power of Jesus Christ to inspire you as you worship? What will that look like today? As we sing, pray, and listen for the Lord, will you allow His Spirit to usher you to something new, something fresh — the next step?

TODAY'S MUSIC

God Is Able | Hillsong Worship
Unto Your Name | Housefires
New Wine | Hillsong Worship
The Lord Will Provide | Passion

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Matthew 11:25-30 NRSV | Chris Duke

TODAY'S SERMON

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

After Worship today, please join the Sermon Talk discussion group meeting in the Wesley Building upstairs Lobby or a Scripture Study discussion group meeting in Wesley 805.

FIRST TIME GUEST?

Welcome! Thank you for worshipping 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!

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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

Music and Worship

Paul Trejo, Director of Contemporary Worship
Dr. Mark Humphrey, Director of Music and Worship Arts
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