

What People are Saying About

Renewal in Christ

- My routine for prayer and reflection has been sporadic, at best. I am prayerful that this inspirational weekend will begin a daily routine for my quiet time with God.
- You can only run on empty so long. I was empty and didn't know why. My life and job use all about hurry and noise. Now I know the enemy, and know the solution.
- I was very uncomfortable with the thought of coming to this class. Actually, I dreaded it and was thinking how I could get out of it. But I was running on empty and confusion and knew I needed some type of change and was hoping to find something though this weekend. Thank you very much. I don't know where this will lead me but I'm excited. Thank you very much.
- What I valued about this weekend was the exposure to a variety of means of experiencing God's word and the encouragement to seek out whatever materials and study methods work best for me in my pursuit of a deeper intimate relationship with my Lord. Great stuff!
- I was reluctant to give up my weekend; God the Spirit made it worth my while.
- I valued the following:
 - that you (my pastor) would be intentional about my prayer life (and the family of Peace) prayer life enough that you would have this program to teach me/us.
 - I hope this is only the beginning . . . not a one time thing! This is my second time through this with you and it does not all stick the first time.

- I was a little nervous and excited about this weekend. I didn't quite know what to expect. I knew I needed something more. . . I prayed every night before bed, and now I look back at that time as just punching a card. I don't think I put much of my heart in to it.
- I was unsure what to expect when we signed up for this weekend, but am thankful and blessed to have been a part of it. I learned more how to REALLY pray and meditate on God's word, and am anxious to practice what I've learned.
Melt me, Mold me, Fill me, Use me . . . A-MEN!
- I didn't realize the music was such a big thing for me. I woke up on Sunday morning and the first thought in my head was Spirit of the Living Word, fall a fresh on me. That was the first time I woke up with God on my mind first.
- This weekend was amazing for me. I had no idea what to expect. The most amazing experience during the weekend for me was the doing the last 30 minutes we were sent off to pray. I found myself struggling with what to say. I decided to move from my pew to kneel at the altar. I gave my burdens and worries to Jesus and thanked him for his amazing sacrifice. I immediately felt the weight come from my shoulders. I have never felt so close to God. This is only one of many ah-ha moments.

Thank you for finding this so important. I will put the adults of Peace on my prayer list so that all would experience this. Thank you so much!

- What a mountain top experience! I was not hesitant to attend – looked forward to it. Loved it. I valued the weekend in that it stressed how important it is for me and for my "community" that I intentionally, regularly, spend time talking to and listening to / for God's words to me.
- This weekend reminded me of a few things I have let slip from my life – things necessary for my continued spiritual formation. . . . What was made clear to me this weekend is that I can't do it on my own. Just as the initial changes came through surrender to God, additional changes also must come through further surrender. I must reflect on those areas of my life that I haven't surrendered and give those to God.

- Looked forward to this weekend (But was leery of the time commitment)

This weekend was a great help in giving me direction

- how do I start doing this better
- what written material / books will be most helpful

My only regret is we didn't have more time!

- The thing I valued most was that it reminded me of what's most important, my personal relationship with God and working on that relationship.
- This weekend helped me understand that there are no perfect disciples and that we need to continue to open ourselves to God so we can be led towards being like Jesus.
- I was panicked that my life would be so crazy after the retreat because of the hours that I lost by spending them at church . . . but, God has increased my time or decreased my anxieties about all the STUFF that really wasn't important. This has freed me to give myself permission to spend deliberate time with God to grow in my knowledge and love of God to serve others.
- I was apprehensive about the weekend, not knowing exactly what was expected. It turned out very inspiring.
- It has been a reminder that when I regularly practice a devotional life, my whole day goes better. It is easier to cope with the stress at my job and life in a secular world. It reminds me that the world is in desperate need of a "Christian World View!"