Living In Relationship To God

The Sacrament of the Altar

New Life:

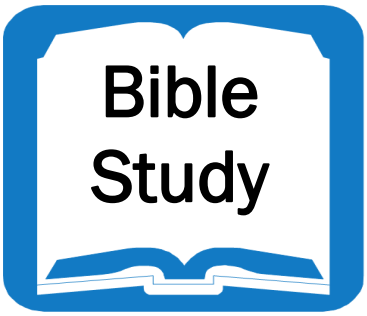
In Washington D.C. there is a memorial built to remember all the soldiers who died in the Vietnam War. It is constructed out of black granite and contains the names of over 58,000 soldiers who died in that war.

The wall has special meaning for three men who have visited it. You see, their names are written there even though they survived the war. Through some mistake in record keeping, these men were thought to have died in the war, but they did not. As they stood before the wall, it was almost like they had been given new life.

We have been given new life! And in the Sacrament of the Altar we have life, salvation, and the forgiveness of sins. What a blessing!

To put it briefly this is why we go to the Sacrament: to get a treasure in and through which we receive the forgiveness of sins...In fact, it's the very gift itself which He has provided for me in the struggle against my sins, death, and every misfortune."

From *Luther's Large Catechism*



What do the following passages say to us about examining our lives?

Day One:	Psalm 4:4
Day Two:	Psalm 119:59
Day Three:	Psalm 139:23
Day Four:	1 Corinthians 11:28
Day Five:	Galatians 6:4

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For Discussion:

Matthew 22:1-14

Read the above passage and discuss the following questions:

1. Christian stewardship begins with God giving to us. In the parable what did the king do?

2. Christian stewardship calls for a response. What is the response of the servants in verse 3?

3.Discuss the king's response in verse 7. Was it appropriate?

4. Verse 14 contains a warning. Does it apply to us?

5. Why is it important to think about the way we act, the way we speak, and the way we treat others?

6. Why is it important to attend the Lord's Supper regularly and often?

Stewardship Truth

Living in relationship to God means that I make use of the means God uses to strengthen my faith.