

BOLF | Worship Service | October 11, 2025 | Study & Reflection Guide | Message: *Mirrors*

You are welcome to use this guide to reflect on the scriptures, lessons, and questions from today's message.

Feedback is information — verbal or nonverbal — that helps us understand how our actions, words, or attitudes are being received and the impact they're having.

It's not always criticism; it's **communication**. At its best, feedback is a **gift** — a mirror that helps us see what we can't see on our own.

God places mirrors in our lives—not to shame us, but **to grow us**.

Sometimes that mirror is **His Word**.

Sometimes it's **His Spirit**.

Sometimes it's the **people** around us.

And sometimes it's our **environment**.

David and Nathan – The Mirror that Speaks

Scripture: 2 Samuel 12:1-9

Lesson: God sometimes sends people who love us enough to tell us the truth. The mirror may sting, but it's what brings healing.

Reflection: Who has permission to tell me the truth when I'm wrong—and do I listen?

Notes: _____

Samson - The Danger of Having No Mirror

Scripture: Judges 16:15-21

Lesson: When we live without mirrors—without honest people or spiritual accountability—our gifts can outgrow our character. We can be outwardly strong but inwardly disconnected from God.

Reflection: Who are the mirrors in my life? And if I don't have any, who do I need to invite in?

Notes: _____

Laodicea - The Illusion of “I’m Fine”

Scripture: Revelation 3:14-18; 19-20

Lesson: Their issue wasn’t rebellion—it was self-sufficiency. They thought they were fine. And that’s the most dangerous place to be spiritually—when you can’t see that you can’t see.

Reflection: Where in my life do I say “I’m fine” when I’m really not?

Notes: _____

Moses and Jethro – The Mirror of Wisdom

Scripture: Exodus 18:13-16; 17-23; 24-27

Lesson: Mirrors don’t always expose sin—they expose imbalance. Sometimes God sends someone to remind you that even good things can become harmful if you’re doing too much.

Reflection: Where might I be calling it faithfulness—but it’s burnout?

Notes: _____

Timothy and Paul – The Mirror of Encouragement

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:5

Lesson: Not all mirrors confront -- some encourage. They reflect back the gifts and goodness God already placed in you.

Reflection: Who reminds me of my strengths when I’ve forgotten them—and who might need me to be that mirror for them?

Notes: _____

The Bible as a Mirror

Scripture: James 1:23-25

Lesson: God’s Word reveals, but it only transforms when we act on it. It’s not enough to glance at Scripture; we must let it shape us.

Reflection: What has God been showing me in His Word that I’ve seen clearly—but not acted on?

Notes: _____

The Holy Spirit as Our Mirror

Scripture: John 14:26

Lesson: The Holy Spirit doesn't shame us—He shapes us. He doesn't condemn; He convicts. His mirror is full of both truth and grace.

Reflection: Am I slowing down enough to listen when He's showing me something? Am I tuning in to His voice—or tuning Him out because it's inconvenient?

Notes: _____

Our Environment as a Mirror

Scripture: Proverbs 27:19

Lesson: Your environment can be a mirror—revealing your habits, your priorities, and your heart. Let God teach you through what you see. Note: God doesn't always change our surroundings right away; sometimes He uses them to change *us*.

Reflection: What is my environment revealing about me?

Notes: _____

Feedback

Scripture: Proverbs 27:6

Lesson: Feedback isn't punishment—it's partnership. God uses people to sharpen us.

Reflection: Do I treat feedback as an attack or a gift?

Notes: _____

Church Mirror Culture

Scripture: Ephesians 4:15

Lesson: A mirror culture doesn't just protect relationships—it protects righteousness. A church that avoids mirrors stays immature. A church that embraces mirrors grows up into Christ.

Reflection: How can I help make this a church where truth and love live together?

Notes: _____

*"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting."*

Psalm 139:23-24 NIV