



Faith of Our Fathers: Augustine

Romans 13:11-14; Psalm 63:1-3; Psalm 16:11

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read Romans 13:11-14; Psalm 63:1-3; Psalm 16:11. What stood out to you? What did you find interesting and/or important? What was challenging or caused you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 Have you ever read a moving or inspiring biography? Who was the biography about?
- 2 Summarize the *Big Idea* of the sermon in *one phrase or sentence* (Note: this is not the same as listing the main points). In other words, if someone woke you up at 3am on Monday morning and asked, "What was the sermon about on Sunday?" what would you say in the midst of your sleepy haze?

AUGUSTINE'S IMPACT

- 3 Had you heard about St. Augustine before the sermon? What was your perception of him prior to this?

AUGUSTINE'S LIFE AND CONVERSION

- 4 What aspect(s) of Augustine's life did you find most interesting?
- 5 What led to Augustine's conversion? How was he different after his conversion?
- 6 Adam said, "Your mistress (lust, envy, fear, pride, greed, control, depression) is going to call out to you in the streets of desire." What is your mistress? In other words, what is the sin to which you are most prone?
- 7 Why is your conversion the most amazing conversion in church history?

AUGUSTINE'S SOVEREIGN JOY

- 8 What was the basic teaching of Pelagius/Pelagianism?
- 9 Are you full of joy? What are the fruitless joys that compete against sovereign joy in your life? What was the point of Adam's story about his daughter?
- 10 Augustine said, "Revise Thy church, O Lord, beginning with me." How is this instructive for us today?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- † How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?