

Cultivate Church Notes:
September 27, 2020

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A Look in the Mirror**

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Caring Conversations:

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II. We Are _____.

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III. We Have Earned _____.

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