

Welcome Home

Main Scripture: Acts 2:44-48, Acts 4:32-35, Acts 5:12-16

Additional Scriptures: Mark 12:28-31, Romans 12:9-10, 13:8, 1st John 4:19-21, John 15:12, 15:17, 1st Cor. 16:14, Gal, 5:14, Eph. 5:2, 1st Thess. 4:9, Heb. 10:24, 13:1, James 2:8, 1st Peter 1:22, 4:8, 1st John 3:11, 4:21, 3:23, 2nd John 5

Hearing: Discussion Questions

- Our church's mission statement is to help ordinary people become passionate followers of Jesus Christ. What does a passionate follower of Jesus look like?
- Pastor Mike talked about how he desires for his home's culture to be a joyful one. In your life, what do you desire your legacy to be (generous, soul winner, joyful, prayer warrior, etc)? Discuss some practical steps that you can do to help you to become more passionate and active in this/these areas in your life.
- **Read Romans 12:9-10.** You have to hate the things God hates in order to truly love the things God loves. What are some easy things to hate that God hates? What are some of the harder things to hate? Why is it hard?
- At the end of the service, Pastor Mike asked everyone to raise their hand if they felt like they needed to grow in any of the three areas: loving God, insiders, and outsiders. Which area did you (or would you have) raised your hand?
 - Discuss as a small group what ways or practices you have found to be helpful in personally growing in each of these areas
- How have you experienced God lately? When is the last time you "crossed the threshold" and were filled with the Spirit?
 - If it has been awhile, what is keeping you from doing so?
- Who has "refrigerator rights" in your life? How does life change when you have one or a few people that you can take your mask off and go deep with?
- Pastor Mike said that "we have to invite people to the table" and then asked, "What 'sinners' have you eaten with lately?"
 - Who are you actively reaching out to? If you are not, pray about some people that you can start reaching out to and praying for!

Doing: Application

- Really vision cast the importance of having life goals and the idea of a personal hallmark or legacy for your life. Ask your small group to think about, pray, and ask God what wants them to intentionally cultivate in their lives.
- Take some time to discuss how your small group can grow in loving God, loving insiders, and loving outsiders.