

September 18th, 2016 Message Discussion Questions

1. Review the main ideas of the message together:
 - What do you remember?
 - What stood out to you?
2. Review the mission statement together as a group:
 - We exist to MAKE DISCIPLES who connect with God, grow their faith in community, and impact the world around them

In the message Sunday we zoomed in on what it means to “Connect” with God. And said that entailed “*gathering together, to be taught by God’s Word, and to worship him.*”

GATHER TOGETHER:

3. Why do you think are some of the top reasons today people typically “come to church?”
 - What are some of yours?
4. Read Acts 2.42-47 together as a group.
 - What are some things from God’s Word that seem critical here to the gathering of believers?
 - Why do you think this text is included in the Bible?
 - If this sets a kind of example to follow for us today – why is it that believers need to be gathering?

LEARN FROM GOD’S WORD:

5. We talked in service about the importance of this, now take a look at an encouragement from Paul to Timothy (a pastor) about the importance of teaching: READ 2 TIMOTHY 4.1-8
 - What does this tell us about God?
 - What does this tell us about us?
 - How does this shed even more light on the role and importance of learning from God’s Word?

WORSHIP:

6. If you had to give your own definition of what it means to “worship” anything – what would it be?
7. Here’s a working definition from Sunday:
 - Worship is anything you think, say, or do that attributes ultimate value to someone or something.
 - If this is true, what are things today that people gravitate toward in worship?
 - What does that look like? (describe)
 - * Can we make any parallels then to what our worship of God should look like?
8. The Bible does help us with understanding “wrong worship” in Matthew 15.1-11, read that together as a group.
 - What’s happening here?
 - Where did the Pharisees go wrong?
 - How do we fall into the same trap today?