

"Closer Look"

Bringing the weekend message
into our daily lives.

A Church That Looks Like Heaven January 16, 2022

Option 1: Take the first 10 minutes of your group to take a closer look at what the weekend message spoke to each group member. Share your takeaway and then dive into your curriculum.

Option 2: Take the whole group time and go through the questions, group challenge and all the closer look resources. Your time together will build your faith as you grow together.

Key Scripture: Proverbs 29:18, Acts 2:37-47

Secondary Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 5:1-2, 5:6-8; Mark 5:38-42; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Matthew 6:9-10; 1 John 3:8; Ephesians 5:25; Matthew 16:13-21

A Church That Looks Like Heaven is:

1. Committed to the Lordship of Christ
 - Acts 2:41
 - James 4:10-17
2. Committed to the Process
 - Acts 2:41
 - Luke 17:14
 - 1 Corinthians 12:14-25
3. Committed to Learning The Word
 - Acts 2:42
 - Acts 14:11
 - Hebrews 5:11-14
4. Committed to Fellowship
 - Acts 2:42
 - 1 Corinthians 1:10
 - 1 John 1:1-4
5. Committed to Prayer
 - Acts 2:42
 - Acts 12:1-5, 7
 - Acts 2:43-47

The Church was Supernatural
The Church was Together
The Church was Generous
The Church was in Small Groups and Big Groups
The Church was Growing Daily
The Church was Full of Life

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Questions:

1. One-minute take away. What is one thing in today's message resonated with you?
2. Read Proverbs 29:18 and Acts 2:37-47 – read different versions (Message, NLT, Amplified)
3. Pastor Joe talked about vision how Proverbs says, "Without a vision people perish." Do you feel like you have a vision problem – filtering out things? Do you have a vision for your life, your marriage, children, and work?
4. Can you remember when you accepted Christ? Did you see a shift in your vision? In what ways did God move in you?
5. During these 'interesting Covid times', have you felt like a 'shriveled Christian' that Ps Joe described? What steps are you taking to not atrophy in your walk with Jesus? What processes do you need to take – prayer for Christ in your life, baptism, Connection Point, CLI?
6. Do you think your prayers matter? Do you pray regularly? In what ways have you seen God use or answer your prayers?

Ask the group to voice any prayer needs and then close your time in prayer together.