



Points of Passion

Discussion Notes November 21, 2010

Points of Passion – Part 2

Review it

In this series, we will be covering our Points of Passion. At Church of the Highlands, our passion is for our local community, our nation, and our world.

Talk about it

1. Last week we discussed principles that have produced momentum – those values and practices that have enabled Church of the Highlands to flourish in amazing ways over the last year. This week our focus is on Highlands' outward reach to our city, our country and to the ends of the earth. Where has your formal or informal ministry been focused? How did this message move you to change your direction or refocus your reach?
2. Pastor Chris said that great grace is happening in stopping the international sex trafficking industry, and in reaching Israel, China and Afghanistan. If you, or someone you know, has been involved in these ministries, share about the experiences.
3. This summer, Highlands will sponsor 35 short-term missions' trips. If you've already decided to participate, what would you like for God to accomplish *in you* and *through you*? If you participated in past years, share how the experience impacted your life.
4. One easy way to touch lives in the city of Birmingham is to distribute Acts of Kindness cards. Share your experiences in giving, or possibly receiving, these cards in years past. Perhaps you've "paid it forward" for others' meals in the drive-through or left this card alongside a "honking big tip." As a group, brainstorm some novel things you can do to spread your love.

5. In answer to the question “What should we all do with the passion that God stirs within us?” Pastor Chris said to receive God’s incredible, unsurpassed love, to love him back with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love the things that God himself loves. Which of these three responses is most difficult for you? Is there an area where you used to struggle, but now have overcome?

Pray about it

In the video shown last this week and last week, Pastor Chris said that he’s living for the “well done” when he stands before God and hears those confirming words that his work on earth mattered to God and pleased Him. If you were to die tonight, would you hear from God “well done my faithful servant”? If not, what changes should you make or actions should you take to join in God’s plan and purpose for his people.

Act on it

Throughout this football season, it’s socially acceptable to be raving fans about our team—but at the same time, we’re criticized, or we criticize others, for being “fanatics” about our God. What needs to change in your attitude toward worship? What are some ways you can take your love for God to an HNL (to a whole ‘nother level)?