



FROM THE BIBLE
Psalm 92:12-14 (CSB)
Matthew 13:1-23 (NIV)
Jeremiah 17:5-8 (NLT)
1 Corinthians 12:26 (NIV)

MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

Week 1 | Stop Going to Church

1. In this message, Cotter talked about how God's highest calling for us is not to simply to attend church. Why is simply attending church not the best that God has for us?
2. Read Psalm 92:12-14. The word thrive means to prosper and to flourish. What are some ways that you hope to thrive in your life? What are some ways that you hope to thrive in your relationship with Jesus?
3. Read Jeremiah 17:5-8. These verses contrast the shrubs in the desert with the trees along the riverbank. Why is it important that our roots grow deep?
4. In verse 8, we read that "*such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought.*" What are some times of drought that you have experienced in life? If you are a Jesus follower, how did being rooted in Jesus help you during those times?
5. We talked about how our roots grow deep *through reading the Bible*. What benefits are there to reading the Bible? How does it help us when we are going through difficult times in life?
6. We talked about how our roots grow deep *through being planted in the church*. What are some ways that you have seen your relationship with Jesus grow when you have been planted in the church?
7. What are some ways that your relationship with Jesus has grown as a result of being involved in a Community Group?
8. Read 1 Corinthians 12:26. In the message, we talked about how partnership is never a solo effort. What are some ways that we can take care of each other- both in times of suffering and in times of rejoicing?



We're always looking for Bay Shore Group Leaders to use the 'Message To Conversation Guide' to facilitate a conversation about the message. Interested in starting a group? Let us know on the 'Connection Card' & we'll be in touch!