



FROM THE BIBLE
Psalm 122:1 (NLT)
Matthew 19:13-14 (NLT)
Psalm 95:1-2 (NIV)
Psalm 63:4 (NIV)

MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

Week 1 | I Love My Church

1. In this message, Joel started out by talking about his 1st mobile phone. Can you remember your 1st mobile phone? Also, do you use any apps that *track* something (calories, sleep, schedule, etc.)?
2. What if there was an app that tracked how you're doing with your walk with God? How do you think it'd measure that? Does your 1st reaction coincide with the Biblical theme that God measures us by looking at our heart?
3. In this message, Joel said, *I want Bay Shore to be a place where people always feel like they can move closer to God.* How has church (Bay Shore or elsewhere) helped you move closer to God?
4. In Matthew 16, Jesus told Peter that He was going to build His church on the concept that He (Jesus) was the Messiah & Son of the Living God. What kind of church do you think Jesus envisioned?
5. In this message, Joel gave 4 dreams for our church. Dream #1 was *I dream of a church where everyone really is welcome.* Read Psalm 122:1 & talk about how the writer was *glad* at the invitation to go to *the house of The Lord.* What can you do to make the church welcoming for *everyone*?
6. Dream #2 was *I dream of a church where kids love their church experience.* Read Matthew 19:13-14 & discuss Jesus' view of children & what the church can learn from that. Did anyone in a church have a positive impact on you as a kid? What happened?
7. Dream #3 was *I dream of a church that worships with passion.* Worship & how that's expressed can differ from person to person & denomination to denomination. What are some different ways people can express their love for Jesus during worship?
8. Dream #4 was *I dream of a church that celebrates good news.* In what ways have you observed Bay Shore celebrate good news (life change, baptisms, etc.)?
9. This message started with Joel saying, *I want Bay Shore to be a place where people always feel like they can move closer to God.* What's 1 thing you can do this week that will help you move closer to God?

Reminder :: Next Sunday Only (9/15) Our Service Times Are 9 & 11 AM