

Sermon Discussion Questions

8th Day People: Be The Match – Matt Slocum
25 February 2024
Sermon Text: Ezekiel 47:1-9

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

This week Matt concludes the series, **8th Day People**. In this week's message entitled **Be The Match**, we are challenged to be the spark or the flame that ignites the dry, parched lives around us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Read Ezekiel 47:1-9 and John 7:37-39. Discuss the image of the river as it pertains to the life of a believer. Ask what the picture of the river trying to tell us about how we make decisions? How we pray? How we interact with the world?
2. Can you identify any “systems” in your faith hindering you from yielding to the Holy Spirit for direction?
3. The purpose of the life of a believer is to be a contact point of Heaven to Earth so that the life of Heaven can flow to all of creation. How does this change the way you look at Christianity and your relationship with God?
4. In 2024, how can you focus your attention, time, and energy away on seeking those encounters with God that bring healing to the world? Discuss Christian “systems”, world “systems”, and thought patterns that may take away from a total focus on contact with God.

APPLICATION

This week try changing your posture. Try opening you hands and release what they are grasping. And then, spread your arms and open your hands to receive the touch and power of the Holy Spirit. Receive the power of the Holy Spirit to be an 8th Day Person. Share with your group.

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. If you made any New Year's resolutions, how are they going?
2. What is your favorite “Springtime” activity?
3. What is one food you have never eaten, but would be willing to try? What is one you would never be willing to try?

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on at NWC, go to <https://nwckc.com> or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Study materials are also available on the website or Facebook page.

Selah Saturdays, 2 March, 9:00-11:00 am, 7102 N. Prospect Ave, Gladstone, MO

Men's Breakfast, 9 March, 9:00-11:00 am, 7102 N. Prospect Ave, Gladstone, MO

Trivia Night (Youth Fundraiser) - \$10, 22 March, 6:30-8:00 pm, 7102 N. Prospect Ave, Gladstone, MO.
Follow the link to register and purchase tickets: <https://subspla.sh/n59mzdm/>

Called Up Men's Retreat, 18-20 April, Eagle Sky of the Ozarks, 1 Eagle Sky Drive, Piedmont, MO 63957.
Go to the following link to register. <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+bv7brch>

Youth Summer Camp, Grades 6-12, 17-22 June. For more information go to:
<https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+sywckrv>

FINAL THOUGHT

If people touch God, they are forever changed.