

Sermon Discussion Questions

Passion Matters– Matt Slocum
Sermon Text: Revelation 2:1-7

AGENDA

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

INTRODUCTION

In the first letter to the church of Ephesus, Jesus acknowledges they have remained faithful and have not given into evil. Yet, he rebukes them saying, “You have abandoned your first love.” This week we will look at how Jesus instructs us on how we can find our passion in him and return to what we loved first.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week, you were asked to find one connection between something in Revelations 1:1-18 and the rest of the bible. What connections did you find?

2. What is something that stuck with you this week from what Matt shared this week?

3. When your flame, or passion, goes out, you are no longer functioning or working in the way that God designed you to. Have you ever felt as though your passion has been taken or stolen from you? Share with the group about that time. Remember, in Revelations 2:4 it says, “But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.”

What God has given to you cannot be taken away. Instead, we choose to abandon that passion we once had. Do you think this is a true statement or not? Explain.

4. As a church and community, we shouldn't be setting the bar for others, or allowing others to set the bar for where our passion should be. We should be living with the passion we had when we first came to know Christ. (Spending time in the word, worshipping, praying continuously, seeking the Lord in everything). Have you allowed your passion to be snuffed out, or let the bar be set too low on how passionately you are living?

5. Matt talked about 3 steps to take to regain our passion. The first being to Remember. Remember what it was like and what we were doing when we were living with passion. Share what you remember about a time when you were living with passion? What did that look like and feel like for you?

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 were gifted a semi truck full from either Target, Amazon, Best Buy or Walmart which would you choose, and why?

2. What is one thing you are most looking forward to for Fall?

3. If you could only choose one breakfast cereal for the rest of your life, which would you choose?

APPLICATION

When regaining our passion, we can't just pray to be passionate, we need to pray for passion and then live it out. Nothing comes without practice; you must practice living passionately like you used to.

Pick one thing you were doing when you were living passionately and start doing that one thing again. Start regaining your passion.

PRAYER (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Pray that the Holy Spirit will rekindle that first love and passion we once had when following Christ.

COMING UP

To join a small group, sign up at <https://nwckc.com> or at one of the weekend services. Study materials are available to download on the church website or on the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page.

Revelation Sermon Series, 18 Sep – 13 Nov, 9:00 and 11:00, Oak Park HS

Prophetic Intensive, Fri, 30 Sep (6:30-9) and Sat, 1 Oct (9:00-1:00)

Baptisms – 9 October, 9:00 and 11:00, Oak Park HS (Sign up online)

Trunk or Treat – 22 October, 2:00-4:00, Oak Park HS (Register or volunteer online)

FINAL THOUGHT

Don't follow your passions. Follow His presence.