

DEVOTED

A community living wholeheartedly for Jesus

Series Description

Devoted - what a beautiful word! It speaks of a wholeheartedness, a giving of all of one's love, loyalty and energy to a person or activity, and it's a word used often to describe the lives of those first Jesus-followers in the Bible. Our plan is not only to explore devotion to prayer, to worship, to Jesus, to one another, but to actively shape our life together to make a difference!

Recommended Reading

Crazy Love
Francis Chan

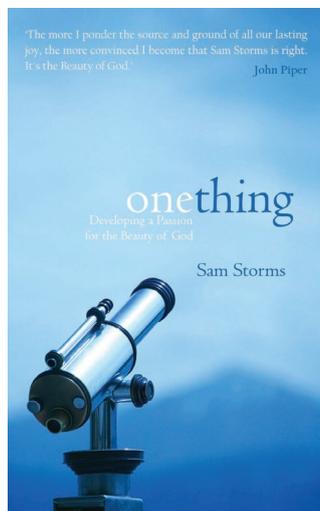
One Thing
Sam Storms

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LIFE Groups: Learning, Integration, Friendship, Everyone a witness

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Title: Devoted to Family

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Bible reference: Mark 3: 20-21, 31-34

Overview

1-Church is a family devoted to Jesus and one another

A Muslim who became a Christ follower said; "I gave up everything, including my family, for Christ & all I got in return was meetings." This is not Jesus' intention for the church. He looks around at the crowd of people, into the eyes of the 12 disciples and says; "You are my family". This is Jesus' view of the church. One writer says of John 19:25-26 "At the foot of the Cross, there is the creating & forging of a new family, a new community, a new humanity—the Church"

2-Church is a diverse family where all are welcome

Jesus opens the door for the crowds to come home and they are from all walks of life. As we centre our lives on Jesus he brings about a beautiful unity between diverse people. Hebrews 2:11 says "Both the one who makes people holy (Jesus) & those who are made holy (us) are of the same family. Jesus is not ashamed to call us brothers & sisters."

3-Church is a family with distinctive features; Whoever does the will of God is my family

Which raises the question; what is the will of God? 1st We look to him (John 6:40) Doing Gods will starts with trusting Gods work. 2nd We live for him (2Cor 5:15; 1Peter 4:2, 7-11)

Response (SOUL)

Run through the following sections. Use smaller groups at any time if helpful.

S = Scripture - Read it, what does it say?

O = Observe - What do you see, context, details, surprises etc?

U = Understand - What truth does God want you to learn?

L = Live - What would it look like to apply this to your life?