

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

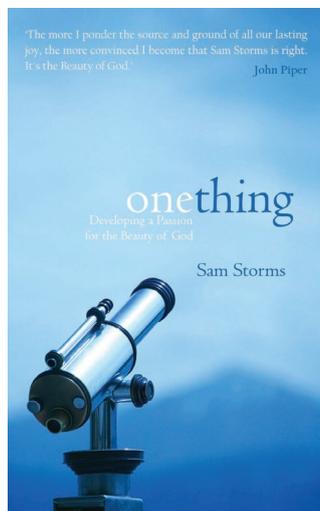
One Thing
Sam Storms

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Title: Devoted to Mission

Speaker: Paul Clist

Bible reference: Acts 2:1-12

Overview

1 – God speaks our language

Looking back to Genesis 11 we see the beginning of languages, as God responds to human arrogance by disbursing people across the earth. We know that different languages can mean racism and discrimination. But at Pentecost we see God doesn't just 'undo' Babel, forcing us to learn a new language or adapt to a different culture. Instead, we see God being praised in every language: redeeming differences. This means we can't discount ourselves, or our friends/colleagues from knowing Him. God isn't bound by culture.

Revelation 7:9-10 gives us a glimpse of heaven, where God is praised by people from all tribes. We can get a little picture of that in our church, as people with different gifts serve each other.

2 – Adapting to others is costly

In Acts 2:4 we see the Holy Spirit enables the apostles to speak in different languages, but often there is a price to pay in reaching out to others that aren't like us. Going outside of our comfort zone is difficult. That is most obvious when someone goes to the nations, but it is still there when we go to our neighbours. We learn how to pay that price here, day by day.

3 – Why can we pay that cost?

Only because we know that Jesus reaches out to us, pursuing us and speaking our language. We get to join God in his mission, and know the joy of seeing God be praised within the language and culture of others: what a privilege!

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?

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