

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM JANUARY 6/7 SERMON

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ICEBREAKER: This past weekend we looked forward with vision/direction for 2024. With this theme in mind, as an icebreaker, what is something you personally are looking forward to in 2024?

1. This past weekend, we focused on the example of the early church in Acts 2, and the illustration of an Olympic rowing team working in perfect harmony to drive home our five values as a local church — Word, Worship, Connect, Serve, Share. As we fix our eyes on Jesus, we need every believer at TBC to be all-in this year, working in complete unity to develop followers of Jesus Christ.

Read our focus passage from this past weekend, Acts 2:42-27.

First, what overall sticks out to you regarding the early church and their community/unity/purpose?

2. Read Acts 2:42, John 17:17, and 1 Timothy 3:14-15. The first thing we stated this weekend was:

In 2024, let's fully commit to God's WORD.

Share with the group how are you planning to be fully committed to God's Word this year. Do you have a Bible reading/ meditation/ memorization plan?

The early church relied on the apostle's teaching because they did not have the completed Scriptures as we have them today. Do we as the 21st century church take for granted at times that we have the completed Word of God?

3. In addition, Acts 2 shows an early church who viewed their entire lives as worship unto God. We said this weekend:

In 2024, let's fully commit to WORSHIP.

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Under this value, the four aspects of worship we hit were corporate worship, giving, prayer, and the ordinances (baptism/communion).

Of those four areas, where do you need to be more fully committed in 2024? Be honest with one another - what is lacking in your worship of God?

4. Read Hebrews 10:24-25. We said this weekend:

In 2024, let's fully commit to CONNECT.

Share how the impact of being in your Small Group has blessed you. Why is it so important to never view the "church" as a building or place we go to, but instead, the "church" is the people of God who need to be in constant community?

5. Another aspect of worship is the obedient call to serve the Lord and His Church. Read $\underline{1}$ Peter 4:8-10. We said this weekend:

In 2024, let's fully commit to SERVE.

Let's be honest and vulnerable with one another - are you currently serving in the church? If yes, how is that going? If not, what's holding you back?

6. Read <u>Acts 2:47</u> and <u>Acts 28:31</u>. Throughout the book of Acts, we see the early church on an urgent mission to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We said this weekend:

In 2024, let's fully commit to SHARE.

In our Urgent Gospel series, our final action item was to prayerfully prepare to share the Gospel with 12 people in 2024. How is that process going for you?

To close, discuss as a group how you can encourage one another in 2024 to share the good news of Jesus with those don't know him. Then pray for one another regarding how each of you can be fully committed in 2024 to Word, Worship, Connect, Serve and Share.

