

ROMANS 12:11

BURN FOR CHRIST

Big Idea: The life of an authentic follower of Jesus should result in a change of attention and affection. Burning for Christ is an intentional act that believers in Jesus must pursue daily.

A PASSIONATE FEELING (Romans 12:11a)

Key thought: Spiritual laziness and procrastination is a sin that we must avoid. We must passionately pursue Jesus in affection.

- Why is slothfulness (laziness) in zeal so dangerous in the life of a follower of Christ? (e.g. Matthew 25:14-30; Titus 2:11-14)
- How does being fervent (boiling) for the Lord look as it is lived out?
- Consider these questions:
 - How have I become lazy in my devotion?
 - In what ways have I cooled in my passion for the Lord?
 - What do I find difficult fully surrendering to my Lord?

A PERSISTENT FOCUS (Romans 12:11b)

Key thought: Serving the Lord is the goal of all followers of Christ. As our affections shift to Jesus, so will our attention.

- The Greek word for "serve" is the same root word for "slave". Why would Paul use such strong language when teaching us how we prioritize the Lord in our lives? (e.g. Romans 6:15-23)
- What does it mean that "passion without obedience becomes emotion and obedience without passion becomes religion"? How have you experienced this in your own life?

A PERSONAL FAITH (Romans 12:11c)

Key thought: When Jesus is the Lord of your life, everything changes.

- In what ways are you different now because Jesus is the Lord of your life? What has changed? (e.g. 1 Corinthians 5:1-21)
- What has God already told you to do that you keep postponing? (e.g. forgiving someone, sharing the gospel, joining a ministry, repenting of a sin)
- How is delayed obedience still disobedience? (e.g. Matthew 28:19-20 can also be interpreted... as you are going.)