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to involve oneself or become occupied; participate: *engage in conversation*

Sunday, August 16, 2009

“FULL SPEED AHEAD” Part 1 of 4

SERMON TITLE:
“Simple Church Part 1”



Personal Prayers

1. Start your small group time off with prayer.
2. Ask for personal prayer request. In other words, have group members share request about them, not friends or family members.
3. Do the same for praises.

Impact List

Have 2-3 people share about people from their impact list.

1. What is the next step in their friendship with that person?
2. How can your small group pray for them?

Close to God

1. Have 2-3 people share what is happening in their “Close to God” time.
2. How have they grown closer to God?
3. How can your small group pray for them?

MAIN POINT / PASSAGE

- ▶ “Why do we do what we do?” / 2 Peter 3:17, 18

SUNDAY REVIEW

- ▶ What insight, principle, or observation from Sunday did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

STARTING QUESTIONS

- ▶ Would you consider your current lifestyle simple or complex? Why?
- ▶ Do you view church as something you do, or as who you are?
- ▶ List the various types of church activities you are involved with.
 - Why do you do these activities? (Obligation, guilt, passion...)
- ▶ What do you expect to receive from the church? Explain your answer.
- ▶ Has Christianity become a routine for you? Why?
 - If no, how do you keep it from becoming monotonous?
- ▶ Have you grown spiritually in the last 12-24 months?
 - If yes, how do you know? What evidence is there?
 - If no, when was your last spiritual “growth spurt”?
- ▶ How can we ensure that we are consistently producing fruit from our relationship with Christ? How can you put and keep this an active part?

DIGGING DEEPER

- ▶ Read Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:1-9, 2:42-47
 - What do these passages communicate in regards to how a church might look or what a church might do?
 - Does the New Testament church reflect these? What about County Line?
 - Does the Great Commission cause excitement or exhaustion when you read it? Why?
 - Is there any desire to belong to a church described in Acts 2:42-47? Why or why not?

APPLICATION

- Which Journey Classes do you *need* to take?
- Is there someone in your life who would benefit from one of these classes?
- How can your Life Group help you grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ?