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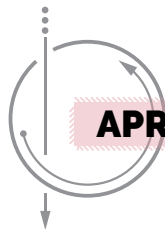
APRIL 16 : WORSHIP

ROMANS 12:1-2

1. What is your definition of church?
2. In the Old Testament God directed Moses to construct the tabernacle, a transportable temple to allow for Holy God to commune with His unholy people. What parallels can you draw from the original 'temple' and what Paul writes in Romans 12:1? Also, *read I Corinthians 6:19-20.*
3. *Read Psalm 15:1-2*, what are the characteristics David says we should live out with our friends and neighbors?
4. If you are to be "transformed by the renewal of your mind" (v. 2) what might you need to change about your everyday life? How might that impact your worship?
5. What tools has God provided to us that enable discernment of what is in accordance with His will?
6. Look at our society today, what are the bad, unacceptable and imperfect things we have become tolerant of?
7. What might a close family member say about how you live your life? Do you attend church, or do you live church?



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APRIL 23: SERVE

ROMANS 12:9-13

1. *Read Romans 12:9-13*, Paul instructs us on how we should respond toward others. Consider Paul's instructions, how does your life reflect each one?
2. The Olivet Discourse is the name given to Jesus' teaching in Matthew 25:31-46, within days Jesus was betrayed, arrested and crucified. What initial questions or thoughts arise as you reflect on this passage? What do you find most challenging, convicting, or encouraging?
3. What are your thoughts concerning the way Jesus asks us to minister to others?
4. Reflecting on this passage, what are the two distinctions Jesus is pointing to? How might that have an impact on your life?
5. As a follower of Jesus how are you living generously with every[thing] you have in order to serve others?
6. Will you approach the Serving Fair with an open mind and willing heart? Where or what department might you choose to serve as a leader or volunteer?
7. How can your serving impact next generation who will continue the work of Christ?



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APRIL 30 : GROW

2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17

Background: Timothy was the son of a Gentile father and a Jewish-Christian mother named Eunice, and grandmother Lois. His mother and grandmother played an important role guiding him in the truth about Jesus. Paul saw value in Timothy and mentored him, helping him grow in faith and encouraging him to 'impact his world with the love of Jesus'. In the two epistles of Timothy, Paul is writing to give him pastoral advice warning him against false doctrine, reminding him of God's mercy and instructing him on church practices.

1. Do you believe the Bible is the truly God's Word, directly given to the authors to transcribe for us today?
2. If the Word of God is "profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, & for training in righteousness" how are you implementing it today with your family and friends?
3. How is the Word of God equipping you for good work?
4. We suspect Timothy's faith in Jesus started when he was a child with stories and lessons his mother and grandmother taught him. Who was the most influential person in your life that invested time to teach you about Jesus? Who in your life needs to know the truth about Jesus and how might you go about sharing your knowledge & experience?
5. Describe the connection between head knowledge and heart knowledge. How do they transform a person?
6. How can worship, personal devotions and prayer train us toward righteousness?
7. A vision of SG is that we influence every[one] we meet. Who in your life needs to know the truth about Jesus? How might you go about sharing your knowledge and experience?



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MAY 7: INVITE

ACTS 8:26-39

1. God told Philip to leave his successful ministry (vs. 5-8) and go to Gaza. How willing are you to respond to God?
2. From the account of Phillip & the Ethiopian what lessons do you personally learn? How will these lessons change the way you are living?
3. Do you think it is easier to invite family members & friends to church or strangers? Why?
4. How did Philip's conversational approach pave the way to share Jesus?
5. Have you ever been compelled to approach someone and invite them to a worship service, a special holiday service, or event? If you have, what was the result for you and the other person(s)? What kinds of things make it easier to talk to others about your faith?
6. Luke stresses that this is the first convert in Acts (Matt. 12:18). God had prepared both Philip (v. 29) and the eunuch (v. 30) for this important conversation. What do you think might have been the result of the Ethiopian's conversion?
7. How willing are you to step out of your comfort zone and invite someone to come hear the good news of Jesus? Will you pray about the 4 people whom God might lay on your heart to go speak to? Set your goal and share this with someone who will hold you accountable to follow through.