

Small Groups

DISCUSSION GUIDE

“MADE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE” PART 3

PASTOR BLACKBURN AND PASTOR JEFF SELLERS – APRIL 7, 2025

AS THE DISCUSSION LEADER, THERE ARE A FEW THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

- Pray for your group discussion time!
- Choose a few questions from the guide that will generate the most discussion in your group.

GETTING TO KNOW ME (ICEBREAKER):

- What spring project around the house/apartment are you going to tackle next?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Have someone read Mark 12: 30,31.
2. In what areas of your life do you feel like you're most passionate? How does that passion affect your day-to-day life?
3. Jesus says, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.” How do you interpret loving God with all your passion, prayer, intelligence, and energy (Mark 12:30-31)?
4. The pastor highlighted several “passion killers” that can affect our spiritual lives. Which one do you feel resonates most with you—unclear purpose, unemployed talent, unbalanced schedule, unconfessed sin, unresolved conflict, unsupported lifestyle, or undernourished spirit? Why?
5. The message emphasized the importance of serving God passionately and utilizing our talents for His purposes. How do you currently serve God with your gifts, and is there a way you could serve with more passion?
6. What role does the church or a small group play in fostering and sustaining your passion for God?
7. The message discussed how unconfessed sin can rob us of passion. How does unresolved guilt affect your ability to serve God with joy and passion?
8. How do you handle unresolved conflict in your life? Do you believe forgiveness is key to maintaining your passion for God? Why or why not?
9. In Revelation 2:4, Jesus says, “You have forsaken your first love.” Have you experienced a time in your life when you've drifted away from God's passionate love for you? What steps did you take (or could you take) to return to that first love?
10. C.S. Lewis said, “The only thing Christianity cannot be is moderately important.” What does this statement mean to you in light of your faith and passion for God?

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

- Frank & Sheri Hawley – *Europe*
- Larry & Melinda Henderson (Austin, Jake, and Olivia) – *Northern Europe*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Join a Wednesday night class, support group, or prayer group! Visit victorylakeland.org to find a class just for you.

Sunday, April 20 – Join us for **Easter Sunday** at the North or South Campus and bring a friend!