

MADE NEW

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

GROUP CHECK-IN:

Part of the rhythms of us as a group is to move beyond just *learning* but moving through life together. This space to start is a great way to begin to move into sharing rhythms together, trusting and being faithful with the relationships entrusted to us.

Ask this question: "***What are you hopeful for as we look ahead at the rest of 2021?***"

Give space for everyone to answer, stopping to pray for one another as the Holy Spirit leads.

SERIES OVERVIEW:

We continue this week with our series "Made New." Over the next five weeks, we will be centered around one question: "*What does it mean to really flourish spiritually?*" With this idea of spiritual flourishing, we are going to look through Scripture and dive into five postures that need to be in place for us to spiritually flourish. There are likely more, and for sure dive in as the Holy Spirit leads your group! But as we examine these five, each of these is born out of a deep dive into God's Word.

SUNDAY RECAP:

We looked at our second posture: our identity as worshippers. **True worship is the response to experiencing the Gospel.** Pastor Alex took us to John 4 and 1 Corinthians 1. To refresh, read **John 4:16-30 & 1 Corinthians 1:18-31** together as a group.



CONVERSATION QUESTIONS:

- How does the definition Pastor Alex presented Sunday of worship being our response to experiencing the Gospel differ/align with what you have normally thought of when you think of worship? What changes when you define worship as a response to experiencing the Gospel?
- We looked at the three responses of **remarkable courage, practicing being foolish for Jesus**, and **simple obedience** as ways we worship in response to experiencing the Gospel. In what ways have you seen this be true in your life? In what ways have you struggled to worship in this way?

EVERY DAY TO EVERYONE:

As we hear God's Word, examine God's Word, our lives move in response to His Word and the leading of the Holy Spirit. We want you to take space to process what steps to take so that we can make much of Jesus every day to everyone. Don't feel pressured to move in bigger steps than where God has you - you can process these individually or move in step as a group.

• **First Steps (SIMPLE OBEDIENCE):**

Pastor Alex made the statement: **Sometimes the most powerful thing we can do is be obedient to God in the small things.** If you are a follower of Jesus, a great first step today is to examine your life and look for areas God may be calling you to simple obedience. In Sunday's message, some examples were getting off your phone or TV, reaching out to someone, getting off the couch and helping your spouse clean the playroom, etc. Pastor Alex challenged us to **"do what God is calling you to do, say what God is calling you to say."** Spend some time in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit how you can worship Jesus through simple obedience. Then do it: be obedient.

• **Next Steps (WANT IT):**

Pastor Alex challenged us with the truth that ***if we want to get in the fight as authentic worshippers of God, then the Gospel has to refresh us daily.*** Examine your personal walk with Jesus.

- Is it daily? ***Am I actively spending time in God's Word, in prayer to God, asking the Holy Spirit to search me and to change me?***
- Is it personal? ***As I am spending time, am I just growing in knowledge, or I am growing in love, grace, and truth? Do I ask God what He wants to do in me and through me?***

• **Further Steps (BE COURAGEOUS):**

The Holy Spirit has this way of bringing things to our attention. Maybe there is something or someone that God has been bringing to your attention. A sin you haven't confessed. A relationship you haven't asked forgiveness and sought reconciliation. A rhythm or habit you haven't surrounded to Jesus. What would it look like if you displayed remarkable courage not because of what you have done but because of what the gospel of Jesus Christ has done in you? Worship Him by responding to the Gospel - be courageous. Confess. Reconcile. Seek forgiveness. Surrender your rhythms. Worship Jesus in response to the Gospel.

Close in prayer, asking Jesus to strengthen you and the Holy Spirit to lead you as you take steps to make much of Him in your every day to your everyone.