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Discussion Guide

Sunday, September 10th

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<p>Value</p> <p>Crafted by the Gospel</p>
<p>Measure</p> <p>Am I meeting with God daily?</p>
<p>Biblical Foundation</p> <p><u>Commentary:</u> Perkinsville desires to be a people who are crafted by the Gospel. We demonstrate this by our commitment to meet with God daily. This desire is certainly not original to Perkinsville. In fact, it originates in the very pages of scripture where God's people have always been pictured as a people who desire to meet with him.</p> <p><u>Scripture:</u> Psalm 16:11 Psalm 19:7-10 Mark 1:35-36</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What do these verses teach us about meeting with God?- How is our desire to meet with God rooted in the Bible?
<p>Church Application</p> <p><u>Commentary:</u> At Perkinsville, we see a day when disciples are awakened, churches are renewed, and communities are transformed. A fundamental step to making this a reality is the commitment of our members to meet with God daily. If we truly are to be a people that are crafted by the Gospel then that must be evident in our desire to meet with God.</p>

Practical Application

1. What should you “do” when meeting with God?
2. Can you “rest” when meeting with God?
3. How much time should be allotted to meeting with God?
4. What resources are available to pray, read, and worship?
5. How do you know when you are *successful* in meeting with God?
6. How can you overcome guilt of missing days and sliding into not meeting with God at all?
7. In the midst of busyness, do I have to be alone? If so, how?
8. What are reasons why we do not meet with God daily?
9. How do you prepare a “plan” to meet with God?
10. How might our faith in God showing up impact if we do or do not meet with God?

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Sunday, September 17th

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<p>Value</p> <p>Crafted by the Gospel.</p>
<p>Measure</p> <p>Am I praying for Boone and Beyond consistently?</p>
<p>Biblical Foundation</p> <p><u>Commentary:</u> Perkinsville desires to be a people who are crafted by the Gospel. We demonstrate this by our commitment to prayer. Our prayer life is our means of communication with our Heavenly Father. All throughout Scripture we see a picture of God's people communicating to Him through prayer.</p> <p><u>Scripture:</u> Acts 1:14 1 Timothy 2:1-4</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- How do these verses highlight the importance of prayer?- What are some examples of prayers found in scripture?- How might we pray those same prayers today?
<p>Church Application</p> <p><u>Commentary:</u> At Perkinsville, we see a day when disciples are awakened, churches are renewed, and communities are transformed. A fundamental step to making this a reality is the commitment of our members to prayer. It is easy for our prayer life to become inward focused. However, as we begin this journey towards God's vision for Perkinsville it becomes vital that our prayers shift outwards. Perkinsville exists to advance the kingdom of God, not just the kingdom within us, but also, the kingdom around us. If we truly are to be a people that are crafted by the Gospel then our prayer life must also be fixed outside of us: to Boone and Beyond.</p>

Practical Application

1. What should I be praying for? How specific?
2. How can I connect with the "Beyond" so that it is more readily on my mind to pray for?
3. What opportunities are there to pray with others? How do you start?
4. Is a "prayer list" helpful? How do I start one? What resources are there?
5. Should this be a part of meeting with God daily? Or is this different?
6. How can you avoid repetition and keep your heart fresh?
7. How might we better pray for our friends and family?
8. How might you move your focus from praying for circumstances to praying for eternal soul-winning matters?
9. How might our faith in God answering prayer impact if we do or do not pray for Boone and Beyond?

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Sunday, September 24th

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<p>Value</p> <p>Committed to the family.</p>
<p>Measure</p> <p>Am I gathering with my church family weekly?</p>
<p>Biblical Foundation</p> <p><u>Commentary:</u> Perkinsville desires to be a people who are committed to the family. We prioritize our time with both our church family and biological family. We demonstrate this by our commitment to gather with our church family weekly. One distinguishing mark of God's people is the importance they place on being together.</p> <p><u>Scripture:</u> Acts 2:46 Ephesians 5:15-21 Hebrew 10:24-25</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Based on these verses, how does God communicate the value of attending church?- Why is it important for God's people to be together?
<p>Church Application</p> <p><u>Commentary:</u> At Perkinsville, we see a day when disciples are awakened, churches are renewed, and communities are transformed. A fundamental step to making this a reality is a commitment to both our church and biological family. Disciples awakening, churches renewing, and communities transforming heavily depend upon our gathering together. To be known as a church that is committed to the family we must gather with our church family weekly.</p>

Practical Application

Am I gathering with my church family weekly?

1. What is gathering? Inside of church or outside? Does God call us to do both...?
2. I feel disconnected... How can I get connected with the church family?
3. Is it okay to miss Sunday gatherings? What is the expectation?
4. How does Wednesday night fit into this? Or church functions?
5. Why might you not want to attend a church gathering?
6. How can we expand our faith to believe God will speak in and through the local church each time we gather?
7. God gave each one of us a gift (talent, ability) to serve the local church. How might knowing your God-gifted talent impact your willingness to gather?

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Value Committed to the family
Measure Am I giving to the church faithfully?
Biblical Foundation <u>Commentary:</u> Perkinsville desires to be a people who are committed to the family. In life, one way that we show our commitment is by the things we give our money. Our finances clearly reveal our priorities. Granted, life is expensive. However, our commitment to our church family should not be excluded from our financial priorities. <u>Scripture:</u> Matthew 6:19-21 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 <u>Discussion:</u> - Based on these verses, how does God view finances? - Do we view money in this same way?
Church Application <u>Commentary:</u> At Perkinsville, we see a day when disciples are awakened, churches are renewed, and communities are transformed. We will see these things take place in part, as a result of our faithfulness. Our bank accounts are certainly not excluded from this. Disciples awakening, churches renewing, and communities transforming will all come at a cost and we as Perkinsville will pay this cost through our faithful giving to our church family.

Practical Application

1. What ways can I “give” faithfully to the church? Time? Talents? Tithe?
2. How can I give when I’m in so much debt that I have nothing to give?
3. What are reasons why we do not give faithfully or even at all?
4. What concerns do you have in giving?
5. How may our giving reflect our heart towards loving God and others?
6. How might giving faithfully (or unfaithfully) affect your involvement in the church family?

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Sunday, October 8th

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Value Called to the community.
Measure Am I having a meal with a neighbor frequently?
Biblical Foundation <u>Commentary:</u> Perkinsville desires to be a people who are called to the community. Neighbors surround us in our community. Some of these we have met and know by name. Others of these are new and unfamiliar to us. The idea of engaging our neighbors is not new to Perkinsville. The Bible speaks frequently of welcoming our neighbors and Jesus is often seen sharing meals both with his closest friends and his furthest strangers. <u>Scripture:</u> Hebrews 13:2 1 Peter 4:19 <u>Discussion:</u> - Based on these verses, how does God encourage us to interact with our neighbors? - In the same light, how do we interact with our neighbors?

Church Application

Commentary:

At Perkinsville, we see a day when disciples are awakened, churches are renewed, and communities are transformed. We will see this happen as we begin to embrace our community by engaging our neighbors. The awakening, renewing, and transforming we desire to see will take place in the lives of our neighbors as they are embraced by our church family. Sharing a meal with a neighbor can be both literal and figurative. However, the motivation behind the action should be one of Christian hospitality as we see in Scripture.

Practical Application

1. Who is my neighbor....?
2. If I have a group of close friends I eat with regularly, is this what is meant by neighbor?
3. How does this relate to "gathering with my church family weekly"? Is this a gathering?
4. If I should include new people, what are the best ways to connect with them?
5. What are practical ways to invite your neighbor?
6. What if I feel like I cannot relate to my neighbors?

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<p>Value</p> <p>Compelled to counter culture.</p>
<p>Measure</p> <p>Am I sharing the gospel regularly?</p>
<p>Biblical Foundation</p> <p><u>Commentary:</u> Perkinsville desires to be a people who are compelled to counter culture. Sadly, it has become very counter cultural to stand in opposition to truth. We, as Christians, have nothing else to stand on other than truth. However, we cannot just stand on this truth. We must also share this truth, and this truth is the Gospel.</p> <p><u>Scripture:</u> Psalm 66:16 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 2 Timothy 1:8</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- How high of a priority does the Bible place on sharing the Gospel?- Does sharing the Gospel share the same priority in our lives?
<p>Church Application</p> <p><u>Commentary:</u> At Perkinsville, we see a day when disciples are awakened, churches are renewed, and communities are transformed. This will only take place when individuals turn from their sin and believe in Jesus. People will only do this as they come in contact with and hear the Gospel shared with them. In our world, there is nothing more counter cultural than standing on the truth of the Gospel. As we become a church that strengthens and broadens our kingdom impact, we will share the countercultural Gospel message regularly.</p>

Practical Application

1. What is the primary barrier stopping you from the sharing the gospel?
2. How might you remove the barrier and go out in faith?
3. Does sharing the gospel have to be only to "lost" people?
4. Is sharing the gospel the explicit vocal gospel presentation or in any other forms?
5. How might you intentionally think about and pray for the lost? How might this change our heart towards the lost and how we share?
6. How might you meet "lost" people and build a relationship?
7. I feel like I cannot do this alone... who can help model this for me and show me how? Not hypothetical or telling me the words to say, but literally show me.
8. How do you avoid building superficial relationships in order to check off that you shared the gospel? How might you make the relationships genuine first?
9. After I share the gospel, then what?