

## Week 2 (4 March)

### Questions for The Passionate Disciple Series

Group Leaders: Do not feel you have to get through all of these questions. Go with a sense of the Spirit's leading

#### 1. Introduction

- Share in your group one specific way God has encouraged or changed you this week regarding being a Passionate Disciple
- Give each person an opportunity to share one thing God really spoke to them about out of John's sermon. Dialogue as necessary on what is shared.

2. Last week we looked at **Luke 14:25-35** and this week John spent more time on it. Read it again.

- John mentioned in his sermon that when love for God is supreme in our lives, then things fall into place. Love for each other springs from love for God?

What has helped you to grow in your love for God?

What specifically hinders you growing in your love for God?

How can we limit the factors that hinder us growing in our love for God?

How can we continue to grow in our love for God?

What can we put in place? What must we do?

Consider Ephesians 3:14-21, 1 John 4:19-21

- John quoted; 'I'm convinced that in our culture today we idolize our children and our marriages and sex, relationships, parents, families and friends to the point where Jesus Christ often gets the leftovers from our affections and it's unchristian!'

We can also include here power, work, shopping, technological gadgets, TV, house, sport, money etc etc.

How have you wrestled with this personally?

What is it that you have put before God?

What needs to change here? Next step?

What/ who will help you to do this?



- Read Galatians 2:20.

Explore any new insights or action points for you out of this verse.

3. Part of the quote from David Platt comparing the ship's purpose is:

***“We’re not going to use this ship anymore, our lives, our families, this church, to indulge our pleasures and sit by the pool and ask for more hors d’oeuvres to be delivered to us. Instead, we’re going to transform everything to say how can we give our lives for the sake of accomplishing this mission.*”**

Comment on this for you.

On the cruise ship/ mission ship continuum where your life is primarily a cruise ship is a ONE and your life being primarily a mission ship is a TEN, what number would you rank your life at the moment?

Are you ok with that number ranking?

If not, what will help you move up the scale? What will need to happen?

What is 1 step you can take that will move you along?

Who can help you in this? How?

What may make it difficult for you to move?

Please remember, do not condemn or heap guilt on yourself. Make a positive step forward.

4. Read Luke 14:33.

What does it mean for you to give up everything? Discuss in your group.

5. Quietly sit before God now. Ask him to put one person on your heart who you can minister the love of Christ to this week in some way.

**HW:** This week get by yourself and spend some time being still with Jesus, listening to what He is saying specifically to you out of this session. Then put some plans into action and take a step in His direction.