

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS - May 1st & 2nd, 2021

Title: Upper Room

Text: Acts 2:42-47

Target: Being a part of CBC is more than an affiliation by proximity or occasional attendance, but an ascent to the “Upper Room” belief of the following:

UPPER ROOM IDENTITY: Making a choice to partner with the mission of the Church

- I. **Belief in the Bible: “they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching” (Vs. 42a)**
 - A. **Devoted in Listening to teaching be Delivered: (Romans 10:17)**
 - B. **Devoted to Studying Doctrine: (2 Timothy 2:15)**
 - C. **Devoted to Making Disciples: (2 Timothy 2:22)**

Question #1: As a group read James 1:22-25. When we think about sitting down, reading scripture, doing self evaluation, and living out the truth of scripture it can be a very daunting task that is very contrary to how the world thinks and operates. As we look at James 1 and Acts 2 where should our focus be so that walking through this process is worth it?

- II. **Faithful to Fellowship: “and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers” (Vs. 42b)**
 - A. **Broke Bread in Communion: “breaking of bread”**
 - B. **Prioritized Prayer for Confession: “prayers”**
 - C. **Moved by the Miraculous through Life-Change: “And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. (Vs. 43)**
 - D. **Practiced Proximity for Community: “And all who believed were together and had all things in common.” (Vs. 44)**
 - E. **Experienced Empathy and Compassion: “And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need” (Vs. 45)**

Question #2: As a group read Hebrews 10:19-25. There are many aspects of our faith that are very public. For many that can be a very nerve racking experience. God’s plan for reaching the world has always been to use us to share the message of Jesus Christ with the world. How do the verses in Hebrews 10:19-25, and Acts 2:42 help us understand our motivation and our focus for being in community together? Where have you seen the benefits of being in community play out in your life and in your faith?



- III. **Engaged in Evangelism: “And day by day, attending the temple together...” (Vs. 46a)**
- A. **Building Kingdom Family: “breaking bread in their homes.” (Vs. 46b)**
 - B. **Demonstrated Radical Generosity: “received their food with glad and generous hearts” (Vs. 46c)**
 - C. **Delivered Real Hope: “having favor with all people” (Vs. 47a)**
 - D. **Celebrated Life Change: “And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.” (Vs. 47b)**

Question #3: When we think about evangelism, it can be people standing on street corners, going on a mission trip, or a revival or crusade in a large stadium. Those are ways to share the gospel, but as you search out the New Testament you will actually see it is a very personal calling that Jesus gives to each individual to share the gospel. Jesus led the disciples and ministered to the world around Him as He was standing, sitting, eating, and walking along the road. That means that we can be sharing the gospel by how we live out our faith in every home, store, school, workplace, gym, barrack, or literally any place we go. Where have you seen the gospel on display in your everyday life. Where are some simple and everyday places where you could be sharing the gospel through your words & actions?

LOWER ROOM IDENTITY: Common deciding factors on picking or attending a Church:

1. **Place of the Church is Suitable:** The location of the church is convenient to the individual's home.
2. **Presentation of the Pastor:** If there is sentiment of enjoyment and agreement in the overall preaching style.
3. **Preference in Worship Style:** If the songs being selected and the instrumentation being utilized is of your personal liking.
4. **Programs offered are Specialized:** Classes or services being offered are meeting a specific need upon age, stage, and phase of life.
5. **People I know Show-Up:** Friends or family members attend allowing you to know people and people know you.

Question #4: CBC Are We, We Are CBC! That phrase helps us see the concepts of Lower Room & Upper Room Identity. **CBC Are We:** CBC provides phenomenal worship, teaching, programming, and has the best people you will find anywhere! CBC provides a place, personality, programming, & people because those are what attract people to come & meet Jesus. **We Are CBC:** This is where we all begin to take the community that starts at CBC, and take share it where we live, work, and play. Some people may never come to a church, but they will enter into community, and come to know Jesus by how we love Jesus and love others in our everyday lives. What are the lower room items at CBC that you are so grateful for and how have they helped change your life? What are some ways you can take the culture and community of CBC into your home, school, work, base, or community?

Take Away: The capital “C” church is not plan B to reach the world, but plan “A”. If Jesus would die for the Church, then we should be willing to be dedicated to the Church

FINISH BY PRAYING AS A GROUP.