



Icebreaker:

Tell about your best experience working on a team.

Announcements:

Prayer Time:

Pray for our building project as demolition begins soon in our east wing.

Study Questions:

Take a few minutes and discuss your biggest takeaway from our Cannonball series– several major themes included: Making our “spot” count... representing Jesus well in the pool of our relationships... new values, new vocabulary, new vocation... God is the owner of everything we have and we are the managers of His resources... tithing is not a legalistic prescription but a “once in this lifetime only” opportunity we will not want to miss... we love one another first and this becomes the basis for outreach... God has given us time, talents and energy to serve one another and our world... we are better together.

Read Matthew 9:9–12. How did Jesus treat people who were far from God? Why did the Pharisees have so much trouble with Jesus loving the outsider? What were the Pharisees focused on? What was Jesus’ focus? Cf– Luke 15:1–7.

What does Matthew 9:16–17 say about the role of structure in accomplishing God’s mission? What– according to Ephesians 1:22–23; 3:7–11– is the new structure/community vital to delivering new wine– God’s love, grace, peace, forgiveness, salvation etc. to the world? Why are we so inclined to want the wine without the wineskin?

What according to 1 Corinthians 12:12–27 does every believer have to offer God? How have you seen other people’s gifts and talents bless your life? What happens when we have gifts, talents, and energy but withhold them from community? Why should we always work to make the church better?

Read 1 Peter 1:9–10. We are called by God to tell others about our changed lives– to declare His praises to others. How can you make God better known at work? How can you partner with our church to reach the people around you who don’t know Jesus? Have you invited someone to attend LifePoint? Have you shared something you learned or a positive experience you’ve had at our church with someone else? How might this become a spiritual seed in someone’s heart that leads them to faith?

Conversational Prayer: Dear God show me...