

Sacred SPACES

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK THREE: "PLAY" | MULTIPLE SCRIPTURES

SERIES OVERVIEW

This series is about taking Jesus into the places of our lives with intentionality. It will focus our church on the truth that we shouldn't view some things as sacred and others as secular. It is to challenge the idea that those in ministry are doing the real work, while those not in ministry are just settling for second place. In Jesus, we're all part of a sacred priesthood. Donald Tabb, The Chapel's Pastor Emeritus, would say, "You are either a missionary or a mission field." The Apostle Peter said it this way: "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9). While the Apostle Paul would say it this way: "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God" (2 Cor. 5:20).

THIS WEEK

We've looked at living out our faith where we live and work. This week, we'll discuss what it means to live out our faith where we *play*. Our leisure spaces are often filled with our friends. They also give a neutral and non-threatening place to listen and talk about life. When we talk about "play" spaces, we'll be discussing the things that help us rest, bring us joy, reveal the character of God, express the characteristics of God to others and point us to what is to come.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Take a moment and think back over the most meaningful conversations you've had in the last few years of your life (about your marriage, future, spiritual life, Jesus, etc.) and where those conversations actually took place. How many of the conversations occurred outside of your home or work environment? If possible, give an example.**

2. Read Colossians 3:17. How could God use your “play” for his glory everywhere?

3. Consider Genesis 1, especially vs. 31, as you read Romans 1:18-20. How do these scriptures demonstrate how the creative aspect of playing can show our God to the world?

4. Do you feel guilty when you have time to do things you enjoy, just because you enjoy them?

5. How can our “play” keep our attention on eternity if used properly?

6. In all this discussion of “play,” some of you feel like you’ve missed out completely, because you feel you have no time for it. Part of “play” includes rest, and some of you need it. Are you resting? If not, why?

CLOSING THOUGHT

We rarely think that our “play” can be enjoyed as a gift from God, be a reminder of eternity and be a demonstration of God to our world. Of all people, Christians should “play” well. May our “play” remind us of God’s goodness and point other people to Jesus.

APPLICATION:

What is one specific way you can “play” this week for the glory of God everywhere?