

Hazelwood Christian Church Discussion Guide and Family Resources

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Nooma 004 / Sunday

SUNDAY NIGHT “NOOMA” DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. “For years I went to church, because you’re supposed to.” Have you ever attended a church service out of a sense of duty or because you think you’re supposed to?
2. “A lot of times I find myself looking around thinking, ‘Is this what God had in mind?’” When it comes to church, what do you think God has in mind?
3. READ Matthew 23:1-7. What does this passage say to you?
4. “Jesus says to them, ‘everything you do is about appearances...’” How much time do you spend worrying about what other people think of you?
5. READ Matthew 23:13. How does this passage convict you?
6. Barna Research tells us that, since 1991, the number of people who don’t attend church has grown 92 percent to over 75 million Americans. Why do you think this is? What can we do about it?
7. “Sometimes we have to ask why we do what we do. To keep our family happy? To avoid feeling guilty? Does God need us to attend a church service once or twice a week? Why or why not?
8. READ Isaiah 1:2-3. What does this passage teach us? What parallels do you see today?
9. “The Scriptures remind us that God doesn’t want the empty rituals. God wants our hearts.” How do we know that God has our hearts, and that we’re not just going through the motions?
10. “God can’t stand it when we put on a religious show and then we ignore the poor and the broken and the marginalized and the oppressed.” Have you been part of the show? What issues in our world today do you think God really cares about? What are you doing about them?
11. “Church is not a building. Church is people. People whose hearts are beating more and more like God’s.” What does it mean for our hearts to start beating more and more like God’s? How could this change the way the world sees Christianity?

Further Family Discussion Questions

In conjunction with Sunday night Ekklesia for teens—HCCYM

1. Why does your family attend church? Why do you choose to attend Hazelwood Christian Church?
2. In what ways does your family grow when you attend church together? What do you think is most important about being part of the Body of Christ?
3. If you could call all of the church leaders worldwide together and challenge them to do ONE THING—what would you tell them? Why is it so important to you?
4. How well do you think you’re doing as a family at allowing your hearts to beat like God’s? How do you see that manifested in your day-to-day living?
5. READ Deuteronomy 6:4-9. What can you do to “impress the things of God” on your children and love God more? How can you, as a family, get the most out of church?

BE SURE TO PRAY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY!

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