



Passion Leads to Action

Psalms of Summer: A Heart for God

Psalms 27:4; Matthew 22:37; Romans 12:11 | July 26th - August 1st, 2015

Warm Up: When you hear the word passion, what thoughts or images come to mind? What are you personally passionate about? How has this passion developed for you? Describe the emotions you experience when you are doing something you're passionate about. Open your time in prayer praising God for allowing us to experience passion!

- ❖ When considering the “keys” to lasting relationships, it’s often cited that *passion* for one another is essential. Without passion, how can we truly devote ourselves to another person or bring ourselves to care about their wants and desires? Passion is the fuel for the many emotions, ranging from love to suffering, that we need in order to sustain meaningful relationships.
 - Now consider your current relationship with God. Given everything you’ve discussed so far, would you describe this relationship as one of passion? Why or why not?
 - What’s different in the way you approach God versus the thing, activity, or cause you are passionate about? What’s similar?

- ❖ Our Triune God made a very passionate *choice* when He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to take our place, die on the cross for our sins, and bring us into a restored relationship with the Father. Similarly, on Sunday we learned that developing a passion for God is a *choice*; it’s something we don’t naturally wake up with in the morning. In other words, passion often takes effort, and at times, hard work. However, that work should not be burdensome or joyless.
 - Why do you think developing passion for God takes work? Why do you think it should not be burdensome or joyless?
 - What have you found to be helpful in building a passionate relationship with God?
 - How does it help to know that God pursued you and called you into His Kingdom?

- ❖ Read **Psalm 27:4** aloud. What would it look like to be totally consumed with God? How would this change your life and the lives of those around you?

Wrap Up: Passion for God does many things in the life of a believer. 1) Passion gives us purpose and 2) Passion for God will lead us to be compassionate toward others. How have you seen these benefits manifested in your life? What other actions or benefits can be derived from “going all in” with God? Close your time by reading **Psalm 42** aloud. Ask God to help you develop a passion for Him.