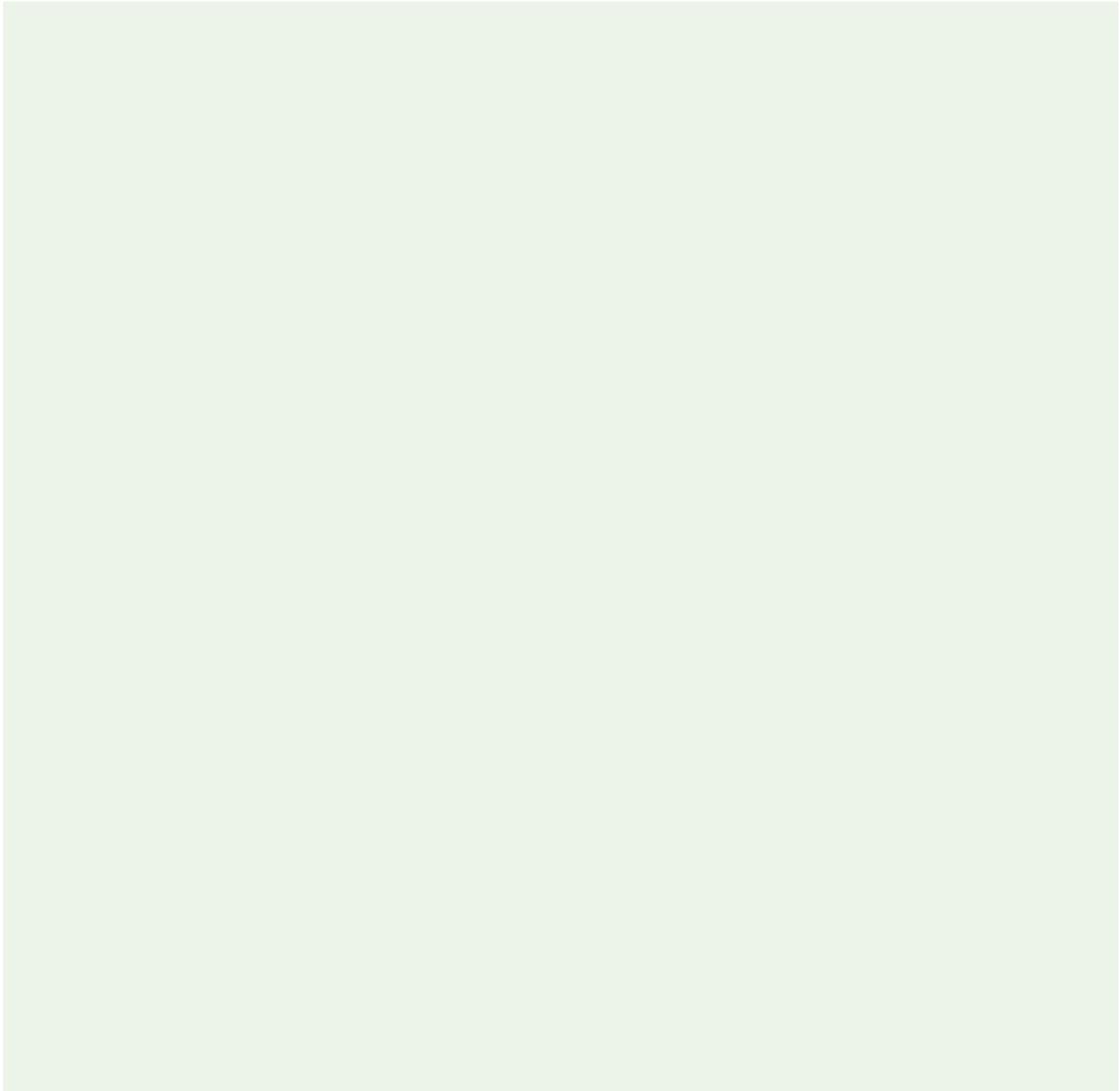


Sermon Notes - People of Godly Passion



Become Week 1

People of Godly Passion

Discussion Starters (choose 1 or 2) (5 minutes)

1. Would you consider yourself a passionate person? What ideas/things/causes drive your passion?
2. What would it look like for a person to have “Godly Passions”?

Watch Week 1 Become Video (video can also be viewed at extendgrace.org/become)

Discuss the Video: Where are you on your journey - passive or active?

Main Thoughts

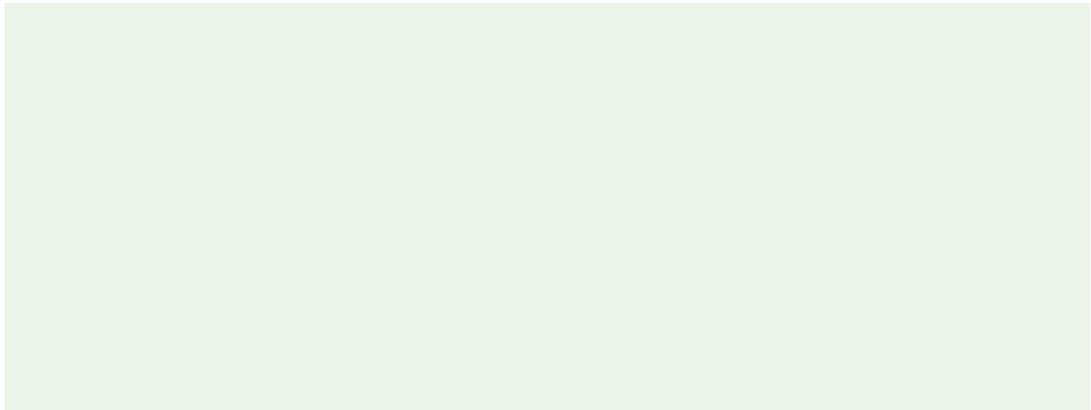
1. Passionate faith requires a ‘do what it takes’ perspective. Mark 2:1-5
2. True commitment usually costs us something. Luke 9:18-27

Read Mark 2:1-5 (as a group)

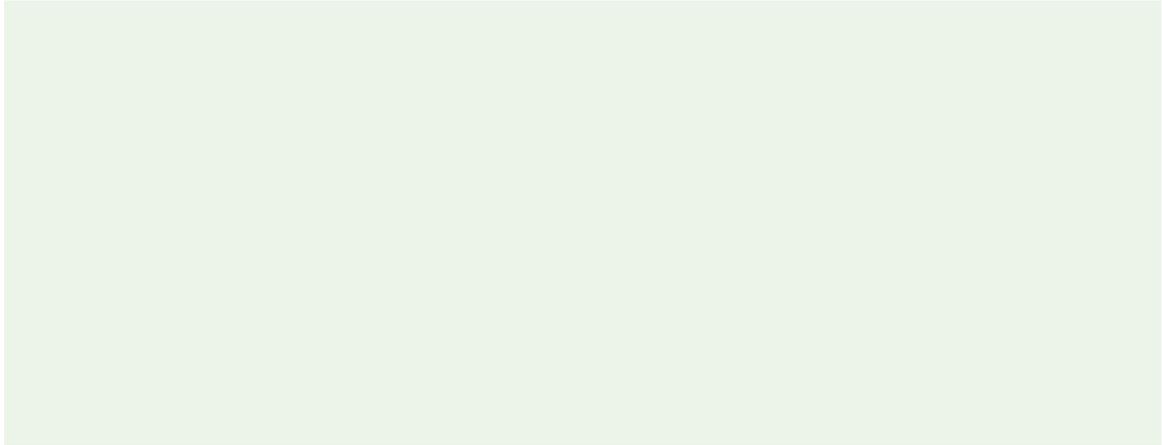
On your own consider each question and jot down your thoughts in the spaces provided.

In these verses, what led these men to go to such extremes to bring their friend to Jesus?

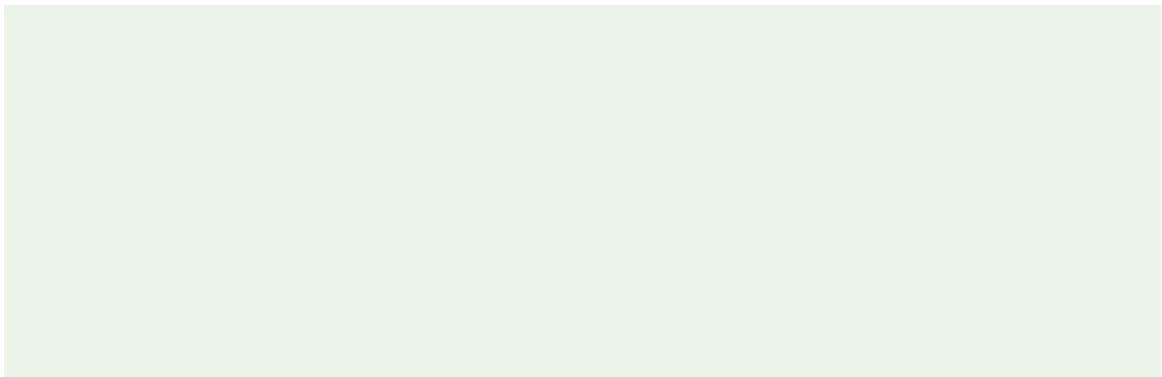
What excuses could they have come up with for doing nothing?



What do you feel prevents you from having a true 'do what it takes' perspective in your faith?
What fears can sometimes paralyze you?



As you think about wanting more of God and taking next steps toward Him, do you feel that you have arrived, settled in, and plateaued, or do you feel God is still working on you, molding and shaping you to become someone He wants you to be? Regardless of how you answered, how can you tell? What are the evidences you see in your life?



Spend some time discussing as a group.

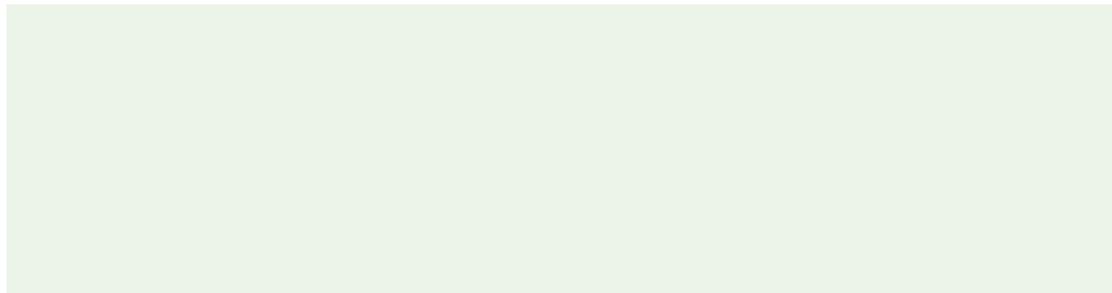
Read Luke 9:18-27 (as a group)

On your own consider each question and jot down your thoughts in the spaces provided.

In these verses, Jesus was very straight forward in spelling out that it would cost something to follow Him. If we're honest, we sometimes don't want it to cost us anything when God or the Church asks us to sacrifice and commit. Maybe we feel we already do so much or we need a break. But our sacrifice is nothing compared to what Jesus did for us on the cross. Are you ready to listen to God to see what He might be saying that He wants you to sacrifice for Him in this BECOME season so that He can continue shaping you into the person you were made to be?



The primary goal of the BECOME initiative is that 100% of us at Grace would go before God and ask Him to grow us more deeply in this area of generosity, and that we want Him to continue shaping us into the person He seeks for us to Become. When God transforms the parts of us that are most valuable to us (like our time and money) we know that He truly has our heart and passion. What barriers might God be asking you to remove so that you can fully trust Him with your future and what your story will become as it relates to your generosity?



Spend some time discussing as a group.

PRAYER

Lord, we ask that we continue to trust You more in this area of generosity and that You would continue to mold and shape us into the people You want us to BECOME - people of Godly passion.
