



KEEP TALKING

The weekend doesn't have to end. Keep Talking with this week's guide.

Closer | What God Really Wants?

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START TALKING - Find conversations starters for the group or with a friend.

What do you love to do with your time? How much time do you spend on it and why do you enjoy it so much?

KEEP READING - Read the Scripture and ask a question to get the group thinking.

Read Romans 1:21 - 23

Pastor Carl warned that we need to be careful what we worship - what we worship, we become obsessed with. Whatever you're obsessed with you imitate and whatever you imitate you become. The Bible warns that there will be a generation who put other things (gods) ahead of God and this is a challenge for us today.

- What stands out from Romans 1:21 - 23?
- Have you ever substituted God for something else? Can you describe what it was?
- What are some of the other things that can often get in the way of our worship to God and why?

KEEP TALKING - Choose questions to create openness.

Read Psalm 50:8 - 15; 2 Corinthians 16:9; Deuteronomy 6:14 - 15

Pastor Carl shared three things that God really wants from us:

1. Thank Him with sincere affection
2. Offer Him control of my life
3. Include Him in everyday life

- Why do we often find these things so hard?
- Where does God feature in your life priorities?
- If God really just wants a relationship with you, how can you take your relationship with Him to the next level?

KEEP MOVING/GOING -Commit to a step and live it out this week.

This week commit yourself afresh to the Lord by spending time:

- Thanking Him sincerely
- Offering your life to Him afresh
- Including Him in things you do everyday

Salvation isn't going to church or even being a good person. It's when we re-order our list and put God on top - we make Him King of our hearts and lives.

KEEP PRAYING

Spend some time in worship as a group. Resist songs that are about you and choose songs that declare who God is - make Jesus the centrepiece. As you worship, pray for one another that hearts may be strengthened and for relationships with the Lord to go deeper.