

TALK IT OVER

CHRISTIAN Suffering – Week 4



Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Designed to help you take the next step, pick out the questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

- The Passion Quiz: Identify your passion in one of these categories: sports team, TV show, hobby, or activity.

In your Bible, **Read Mark 12: 28-34.**

Here, Jesus stresses the importance of loving God and others with true depth.

- Why is loving God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength so important?
- What are specific ways that we can show love for God with all of our heart/passion, soul/prayer, mind/intelligence, and strength/energy?
- What are some ways that we show devoted passion for trivial things like teams and TV that we could similarly apply to God?
- What keeps us from loving God with all of our passion, prayer, intelligence and energy'?
- 7 passion killers are: an unbalanced schedule, unused talents, unconfessed sin, unresolved conflict, unsupported lifestyles, unclear purpose, and an undernourished spirit. How might each of these items diminish a person's passion?

Read **Revelation 3:15-16.**

In this passage, we see that being hot or cold, rather than lukewarm, is preferable to God.

- Why is God so sickened by a lukewarm life?
- Hot or cold water has many uses, but lukewarm water is rarely used. What might a lukewarm Christian's life look like? What keeps people lukewarm to Christ?

NEXT STEPS

Here are some specific things you can do this week to help you apply the principles of this message:

Identify ways the seven passion killers have personally affected you. (See list above).

Identify several ways to bring passion back into your life and implement one of them this week.

Talk It Over with God:

- Thank God for the love and passion He has shown for you, especially for sacrificing His Son on the cross for our sins
- Ask God for forgiveness for the lukewarmness in your life.
- Ask God for strength and direction in finding more passion in your life.

Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others in a Small Group. Connect at www.newpointe.org – small groups