

## **“What’s going on?”**

+ Baptism Sunday - September 8th we have the privilege of experiencing followers of Jesus proclaim their faith publicly through baptism. If you have any questions about baptism or would like to be baptized yourself, call the church office and speak with a staff member!

+ Thursday September 5th is our "serve day" at Horizons. Join us by being the hands and feet of Jesus as we partner with Horizons to serve our community. 11:00-1:30, 224 S. 8th Street. For more information contact Chris Woodard - [cwoodard@lifepointqcy.org](mailto:cwoodard@lifepointqcy.org). For those of you meeting after the 5th... mark you calendars for October 3rd!!

+ September 28th 1pm-5pm at LifePoint - Rethinking Parenting - When traditional parenting fails, how to connect with your child, and experience changed behavior. Did you have a difficulty pregnancy or birth? Has your child experienced a traumatic event or early medical difficulties? Are you parenting a child who has been abused or neglected? We'll look at how these factors affect your child's brain and strategies to help parent your child more effectively. You can find out more information about this event, learn more about the speakers, and sign up to attend on our website and app.

## **C O M M U N I T Y**

### **C E N T E R I N G F O C U S**

Open up your time together by practicing silence.

Set a timer for 3 minutes, and when the time is up, open your time with prayer.

During the time of silence imagine the worries you are carrying, that are overwhelming your mind, and set them down at the feet of Jesus. Spend this time focusing on Him.

### **L A S T W E E K ' S C H A L L E N G E**

Over the last month we have put into practice the discipline of simplicity.

**Question:** As you reflect on this past month, what is one thing the Lord has revealed to you through this discipline? How have you grown in intimacy with Jesus over the past month?

## ICEBREAKER

**Question:** Have you ever been a die hard fan of a certain team, band, or television show? Tell us about it...

**Question:** Have you ever gotten hooked on a hobby and changed your priorities and routines because of it? Tell us about it...

## THOUGHT PROVOKING

**Question:** What are some things Americans are passionate about and committed to?

**Question:** What are some things people here in Quincy reorient their lives around?

**Question:** What makes something worth reprioritizing your life? When there are many good things you could spend your time engaging in how do you know what/who to say yes to and what/who to say no to?

## ENGAGING WITH SCRIPTURE

**Acts 2:42-47 (ESV):**

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

**Question:** What do you think of when you hear the word "devoted"? How would you define it? What are some synonyms?

**Question:** What are the four things the early followers of Jesus devoted themselves to?

**Question:** What do you think it looks like to devote yourself to fellowship?

**Question:** How often were the early followers of Jesus attending the temple together?

**Question:** How often were the early followers of Jesus eating with one another in their homes?

**Question:** How different is this portrait of community from the way we typically do community here in Quincy?

**Question:** Do you think we need to change the way we do community to reflect the example of Jesus' closest followers? Do you think it's possible? Do you think it's realistic?

**Question:** What are some practical ways that we as a group can move toward their example of biblical community?

## **NEW CHALLENGE**

Most likely if you are reading this, then you are already practicing the spiritual discipline of community in a LifeGroup. But, there is always room for us to grow in the practice of community, especially because it does not come natural to most of us because of the culture we live in.

This week's challenge is to listen. As you gather for group, or you meet with one another, listen to one way that you bless someone in your group over the next week.

(Ex: listen for ways you can pray for and encourage them, provide physical needs, etc.)