

Deeper

Elevate: Week 1



Welcome (You to Me, Me to You)

1. What distracts you most in life? Share a little on how you deal with that distraction.

Worship (Us to God)

Have someone read Colossians 3:16-17. Spend a few moments in prayer individually. Pray that all that you do glorifies God. Have someone close out in prayer after a minute or two, praying for the group to focus on God and building each other up tonight.

Word (God to Us)

1. As a church we are looking at the ways we can Elevate our capacity through our ministry, generosity, and space. What are you excited to see God do in the coming months at Real Life?
2. Read Colossians 3:1-4... The first thing Paul says is that we, as Christians, have been raised with Christ. In other words, we were slaves to our sin and Jesus rescued us and gave us life. Therefore we should set our hearts on “things above”. What does it mean to set your heart/mind on things above?
3. In the next sentence Paul contrasts the “Things above” with a warning to not focus on “earthly things”. What “earthly things” distract you from focusing on God?
4. Read Colossians 3:5-11... Paul lists here many of the things that distract us from Him. What would it look for you to “put to death” the things that have been distracting us?

5. In the coming weeks we will be talking about what it means for us to Elevate as a church. This is something that we all play a part in. That is why it is important for us to focus on Christ and not earthly things. In Exodus 35 God placed a huge mission in the hands of the Israelites that required everyone to play their part. Read Exodus 35:4-29... What do you think the Israelites first thought when they heard this vision?
6. Through Moses Israel heard a huge vision from God to build a temple so that they could be in the presence of God. What roles did they have to play so that this God sized calling could come true?
7. Once they heard the challenge they dispersed so they could determine their role in what God was doing. After hearing about Elevate on Sunday what do you think your role in what God is doing is?
8. As a Life Group, what do you think our role is in what God is doing?
9. What do we need to do individually and as a group to not get distracted by “earthly things” so that we can focus on our role God has given us?

Response (Us to the World)

Break off into groups for 3-4. Spend time praying for God to show each other their role in what God is doing. Also pray for Real Life and the role the church is playing in reaching the surrounding community with the Good News of the Gospel.