

Small Group Notes

CITY OF REBELS | Week 2 *"The Test of Faith"*

A faith that has never been tested cannot really be trusted. The Bible teaches the testing of our faith is a good thing and produces growth and endurance. How should we handle the testing of our faith? Should we fight a culture that is Godless? Should we flee a culture that is Godless? No. The Bible teaches we should engage. We don't curse the darkness, nor do we run from it. We live and proclaim the light.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- In light of a challenging 2020, do you have any glowing highlights from 2020?
- In this weekend's message, Chad and Robert talked about Daniel's faith being tested within his life circumstances. Yet, he still managed to thrive. What is one truth from this week's message that can help you thrive in 2021?

SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your sermon notes from this weekend's teaching, was there anything said that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

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GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What is something you heard in the message that challenged you?
2. Chad and Robert asked us to remember *"Following Jesus is the call of the church not the responsibility of the government."*
 - How have you seen this play out when we get it backwards?
 - What are the present and eternal consequences of getting it backwards?
 - What does it look like when we get it right?
3. If the "church" (not the building but the people) are responsible for others following Jesus, what does [Matthew 28:18-20](#) say is our mission?
4. This mission consists of four tasks: Go, Make Disciples, Baptize Them, and Teach Them. How do you see yourself involved in this mission at Sun Valley?
5. Chad and Robert stated we need to *"Move from a martyr mentality to that of a missionary."*
 - What are some of the indications of having a martyr mentality?
 - What are some of the indications of having a missionary mentality?
6. In our challenge of following Jesus this week, Chad and Robert declared *"We are not called to curse the darkness but to proclaim the light."* How are you doing at proclaiming the light?

7. Read [1 Peter 2:11-17](#). What is one spiritual truth you can take away from these verses and boldly live out?

PRAYER

Go around your group and ask if anybody has a prayer request. Spend a few minutes praying for each other, the church, and our country.

ACTION ITEMS

Want to take the Next Step in your spiritual journey. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about how you can take your next step.