

Big Rocks – Living Stones

Weekend Discussion Questions

April 26-27, 2014

Community:

1. When your friends who don't go to church think of the word "church", what do you think they think of? When you think of the word "church", what do you think of? When Jesus thought of the word "church", what do you think He thought of?

Core:

1. During this next series we're looking through the Book of Acts and how the values of flatirons are shaped from the values of the early church. The church's primary value is **Biblical Authority**. How would you describe that in your own words?
2. Read Matthew 16:16-18. What does it mean for Jesus to build His church on Peter's statement: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God"?
3. Read Luke 20:16-18. What does it mean for Jesus to be the "Cornerstone"?
4. So Jesus is the rock that every other part of the church will be built on. Now read what Peter writes about this in 1 Peter 2:4-5. What does Peter mean by saying that we are "being built up as a spiritual house"?
5. The first "big rock" of flatirons is Biblical Authority: we believe that the Bible is God's Word and can show us a better way to live if we are willing to put ourselves under its authority. What does it mean to put ourselves under the authority of the Bible?
6. What are different ways that the early church in the Book of Acts demonstrated that they were under the authority of the Bible?
7. We're going to look at a couple of the scenes at the beginning of the church. Read Acts 2:1-4. What is difficult for you to understand or believe from that paragraph? What do you think it would have been like to be there?
8. A little while later, Peter addresses the crowd who's wondering what is going on. Read verses 14-15 and 22-24. What changed in Peter to take him from a guy who denied Jesus to a guy preaching in the middle of a Jewish courtyard?
9. Now read verses 36-41. What does it mean to "repent"?
10. Why do you think it was important for these people to be baptized after they repented?

Challenge:

1. Do you feel like God is leading you to get baptized at flatirons this weekend? Tell the group about it if you're comfortable.