



Project 20

Sermon Discussion Questions – August 15, 2021

Scripture Passages:

Philippians 2:1-2 (NLT) Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

Psalms 90:1-2 (NLT) Lord, through all the generations you have been our home! Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the earth and the world, from beginning to end, you are God.

Psalms 90:12 (NIV84) Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Psalms 90:12-17 (NLT) Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom. O Lord, come back to us! How long will you delay? Take pity on your servants! Satisfy us each morning with your unfailing love, so we may sing for joy to the end of our lives. Give us gladness in proportion to our former misery! Replace the evil years with good. Let us, your servants, see you work again; let our children see your glory. And may the Lord our God show us his approval and make our efforts successful. Yes, make our efforts successful!

Warm Up:

What are some of your favorite memories at ALIVE so far (funny stories, moments in the message, etc.)?!

Discussion:

1) Tom began his message by sharing a story of when God first started giving him a vision for a healthy vibrant church.

When you imagine a thriving church, what are a few characteristics that come to your mind? What vision do you have for a healthy Christian community?

2) Towards the beginning of his message, Pastor Tom told the story about how ALIVE got its name from lyrics to a Steven Curtis Chapman song:

Cause what I really want to say is what the sun would say to the sky for giving it a place to come alive.

How have you seen this vision for the church expressed in ALIVE today? Do you feel like you have “come alive” at ALIVE? Explain. Have there been people, groups, or events who have contributed to that?

3) The strategy for building a community where people “come alive” are the marks of the New Testament Church.

Adoring our God - Worship

Loving our Community - Fellowship

Instructing Believers - Discipleship

Valuing the Lost - Outreach

Equipping People for Ministry - Service

How have you observed ALIVE take part in these things? What are some new ways our church could do them? How might these strategies help build a community where people come alive?

4) In his message, Pastor Tom made a short list of some gateway crisis at work in ALIVE. The list includes COVID, Finances, Mercantile, and Tenure.

How might these circumstances create a gateway crisis for ALIVE? How might responding to these items impact the future of ALIVE and our community?

5) Read Psalm 90:12-17.

What stands out most to you? What do you think it means to “number our days aright?” How might this perspective impact the way we live? How might it impact our vision as a church?

6) On Sunday Pastor Tom introduced Project 20.

What is Project 20? And what are some of your reactions to this new vision Tom spoke about on Sunday?

7) What steps might ALIVE need to take in preparation for this vision?

8) How has the vision of ALIVE so far impacted your life? How has being at ALIVE impacted your life? What might ALIVE have to offer to other communities?

Next Steps:

What areas of Project 20 excite you most? How might you be able to get involved in those areas? Who might you need to talk to? Are there any resources/connections you have that could help? Make a short list of practical next steps for this week.