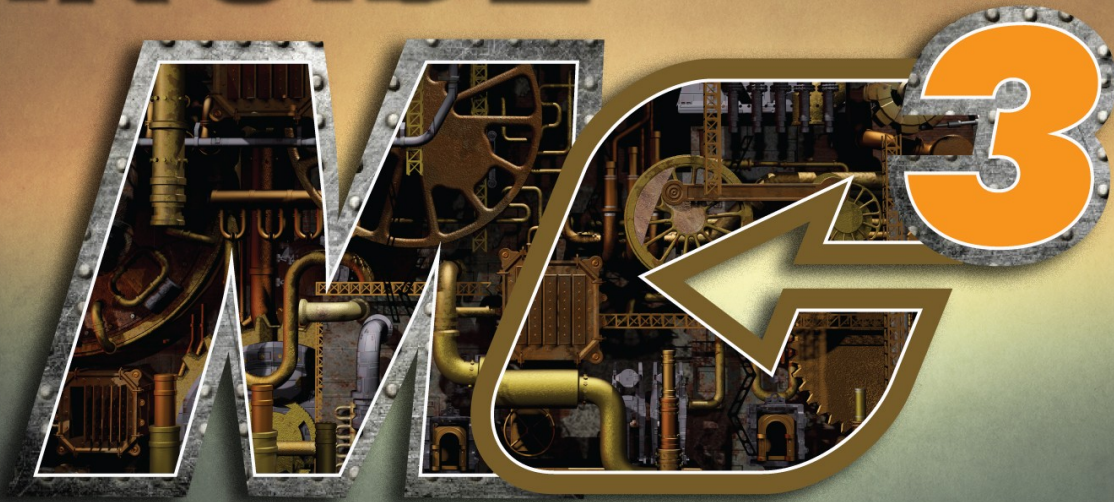


INSIDE



WHAT'S INSIDE COUNTS. A CURRENT POINT SERIES. #INSIDEMC3



Discussion
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"INVITATION"

09/20/15

THE POINT:

ON THE INSIDE, THE WORSHIP EXPERIENC²E IS ABOUT CONGREGATION

Discussion Generators

Don't forget to make announcements to your group!

- ➔ Go around your group and share your God Moments from the past week (God Moments are how you have seen God working over the past week, either in your life, or in the life of another).
- As usual, this coming week be looking for how you have seen God working, so that you have something to share next time!

- What has stood out to you so far from the *Inside mc3* Point series?

- Read Acts 2:42-47. This passage is the basis for the mc3 discipleship process. Which parts of this passage are about c2: *Congregation*?
[Leaders: answers underlined on last page]

- We are looking *Inside* the Worship Experienc²e—the foundation is worship. Discuss how each of the following relates to worship:
 - Romans 1:25 [God should receive our worship—nothing else]
 - Acts 12:22-23 [our job is to give glory to God]
 - Malachi 1:11 [worship is giving God our best!]

- What do you think: why is worship so important?
- What does worship “do” for us?

- In the early church, the Jews who became Christ-followers were unintentionally adding requirements to following Jesus. In your experience, what obstacles have you seen people add to following Jesus?
 - Read Acts 15:19. What does James mean by this?
 - In this passage, the Jews weren't *intentionally* trying to keep outsiders (Gentiles) from following Jesus, their belief was built on traditions that developed over time. What are some ways that our church can/does remove obstacles to following Jesus?
- ➔ Let's be honest, it's much easier to point our fingers at "the church" and blame it for not reaching outsiders. Take a moment to be vulnerable with your group—share how YOU may have made it difficult for outsiders to follow God.
- ➔ Who do you want to see come to Jesus? Take a moment to think, then share about a friend, family member, co-worker, etc. who you would like to see become a Christ-follower. As each person shares, have leaders write down the name of that person. After everyone has shared, hand out one name to a different person to pray for at least twice this week. [Please be sensitive about this—we don't want to embarrass anyone that we are praying for]
- Don't forget about the mc3 YouVersion (free Bible app) reading plan that we're doing together during this series. Become "friends" with mc3Church on YouVersion and sign up for the "Acts Reading Guide" plan and read along with the rest of mc3! (and don't worry, YouVersion allows you to catch up!)

Bible Verses

Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

42They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Romans 1:25 (NIV)

25They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

Acts 12:22-23 (NIV)

22The people gave [Herod] a great ovation, shouting, "It's the voice of a god, not of a man!" 23Instantly, an angel of the Lord struck Herod with a sickness, because he accepted the people's worship instead of giving the glory to God. So he was consumed with worms and died.

Malachi 1:11 (NIRV)

11 "My name will be great among the nations. They will worship me from where the sun rises in the east to where it sets in the west. In every place, incense and pure offerings will be brought to me. That is because my name will be great among the nations," says the Lord.

Acts 15:19 (NIV)

19 "It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God."