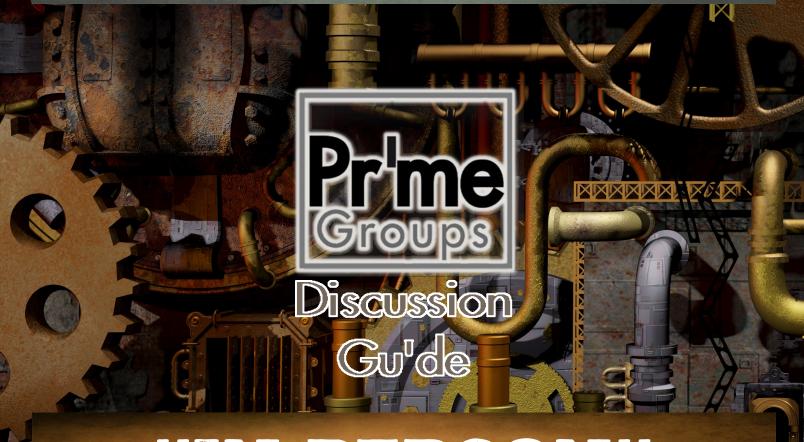


WHAT'S INSIDE COUNTS. A CURRENT POINT SERIES. #INSIDEMC3



"IN-PERSON"
10/11/15

THE POINT:

ON THE INSIDE, C3OPPORTUNITIES ARE ABOUT CARING LOCALLY

Discussion Generators

Don't forget to make announcements to your group!

- →Go around your group and share your God Moments from the past two weeks (God Moments are how you have seen God working, either in your life, or in the life of another).
- •Be looking for how you see God working, so that you have something to share next week.
- •We're just over halfway there (and, yes, we are livin' on a prayer[©])—what has stood out to you from the *Inside mc3* Point series?
- •Read Acts 2:42-47. Last time! This passage is the basis for the mc3 discipleship process. Which parts of this passage are about c3: Caring? [Leaders: answers underlined on last page]
- •What might "enjoying the favor of all people" look like for Mifflin County today?
- •Read Matthew 5:16. How does this verse impact or affect "enjoying the favor of all people" from Acts 2?
- →Based on Matthew 5:16, what is the ultimate goal of the "enjoying the favor"—is it for us, or something deeper?

- •Read Matthew 5:13-15. During the Point we learned about the difference that 3 feet can make (someone may need to explain). Why do you think it is so hard for us to go from *knowing* what we should do to actually *doing* it (the 3 ft. of separation...)?
- What does Matthew 5:13-15 say about how we have been designed (our purpose)?
- Read James 1:22. Based on this, what are some other reasons that people don't do what they know they should?
- →When it comes to c3Opportunities at mc3, put the following in order:
 - •I ask my Pr¹me leader to have the church/mc3 meet the need [3]
 - •I meet the need if I can [1]
 - •I ask my Pr¹me Group to help me meet the need [2]
- •Based on our discussion so far, why do we have it in this order?
- •What problems would it cause for mc3 if this order was reversed?
- •What problems would it cause for the individual (the "I" above)?
- → Read James 4:17. Now it gets real! What does James add here about the difference between knowing and doing?
- →Close your time by asking each person to share about an area that they need to go from *knowing* to *doing* (they can be as general or specific as they feel comfortable). [Leaders: Feel free to address any potential Pr¹me c3Opportunities if they arise] After each person shares, have another person in the room pray for that person (something as simple as "God, please help _____ to do ____"). Continue around the room until each person has shared and has had someone pray for them.

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.

Matthew 5:13-16 (NIV)

13You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. 14 You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

James 1:22 (NLT)

22But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

James 4:17 (NIRV)

17 So when you know the good things you should do and don't do them, you sin.