



## One Prayer

### “Lord, Make Us Passionate”

#### Objective:

To identify areas in our lives where we are “just going through the motions” and ask God to restore our passion in those areas.

#### Icebreaker:

Describe your funniest or worst “customer service” experience.

#### Read:

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

#### **Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)**

1. Describe a time when you have seen someone working for themselves?
2. What were they passionate about? What effect did that have on those around them?
3. What are some of the distractions that can cause us to forget who we are **really** working for?

#### Read:

*If you are ordered to court and your shirt is taken from you, give your coat, too. If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles.* **Matthew 5:40-41 (NLT)**

4. Share about a time recently where you’ve had the opportunity to “go the extra mile.” Did you do it? Why or why not?

5. Think of something you are passionate about. How does your passion affect your willingness to “go the extra mile” in that area of your life?

#### Pray:

In your own words pray and ask God for the following:

- Where in our personal lives do you want to restore passion?
- What are you calling us to be more passionate about as a group?

6. Discuss what you believe God wants to make you more passionate about personally and as a group. How do you think He wants to accomplish this?

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### For Further Study

#### Philippians 2:14-18

*14 Do everything without complaining or arguing, 15 so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe 16 as you hold out the word of life--in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing. 17 But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. 18 So you too should be glad and rejoice with me. (NIV)*

#### Open

Describe the best “boss” you’ve ever worked for. How did they deal with conflict? What is the most frequent complaint you hear in your place of employment?

#### Explore

What instructions did Paul give for everyday Christian living? (2:14-16)  
Why were the Philippians not standing out in their world? (2:14-16)  
Why did the Philippians need to show a united front to unbelievers? (2:14-16)  
Whose honor was Paul concerned about? Why? (2:16)  
What did Paul want his friends at Philippi to experience? (2:18)

#### Reflect

What qualities make Christians “shine like stars”?  
How does Christ shining through us draw others to Him?

#### Apply

What areas of your life do you want to shine more brightly for God.  
What are some ways you can begin to do that?