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FAN THE FLAME
Discussion Guide

SERMON SUMMARY

Jesus loves the church, and we must love what Jesus loves. Pastor Daniel used an analogy of adding logs to a fire to keep the fire going to explain the importance of the local church in encouraging our walk with Jesus and in keeping our passion for Christ and the local church burning hot. He did so by describing three ways we can fan the flame of our heart for God's house: 1) pray for your church, 2) prioritize your church, and 3) participate in your church.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- 1 Kings 8:17 (ESV)
- Psalms 122:1 (NLT)
- Psalms 69:9
- Ephesians 5:25
- Acts 2:42-47 (ESV)
- 2 Timothy 4:2
- Colossians 4:2
- Acts 4:12
- John 4:24
- 1 Peter 5:2-3
- Colossians 1:28-29
- Matthew 9:37-38
- Matthew 6:33
- Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)

TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- What is the Church? How does it differ from the local church?
- What things can happen through the local church?
- What does it mean to "add more logs on the fire?" How can this increase our love and passion for the Church and the local church?

Pray

- What are some things we can pray for as it relates to the local church?
- How can you remember to pray for your church?
- How can you implement small pockets of time throughout the day to earnestly pray for the Church?

Prioritize

- What does it mean to prioritize church? How does this apply to things beyond attending weekly services?
- What does prioritizing church look like for you?

Participate

- Why is participation in your local church important?
- In what ways do you participate in your church? How is God asking you to participate?
- Is your commitment to showing your heart for the house evident in your life outside of the four walls of the church?

APPLICATION IDEAS

- Make a list of several things related to your church that you will commit to praying for. How will you make prayer for your church an intentional habit?
- Are there things you need to change to appropriately prioritize church? What steps must you take?
- What must you change to participate in the church the way God is asking you?

GO DEEPER

Additional ideas for a deeper study of the sermon topic.

- What does it mean to love the church?
- Why is it important that we love the church?
- What are some reasons we can be thankful for the church? Research ways Paul was thankful for the church. You can start with Romans 1:8, 2 Corinthians 1:11, and Ephesians 1:15-16.
- Identify some spiritual logs you can add to your fire for the local church and the Church to keep them ignited.

PRAYER FOCUS

At Lifepoint, we pray until something happens. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- Both the Church and the local church need prayer in various areas, from unapologetic preaching of God's Word, devotion to prayer, and authentic worship to prayer for our pastors and staff, dream teams, and for church growth. Each day this week, choose a different prayer topic and intentionally pray for Lifepoint Church.

LEADER TIPS

- Start and end on time. This shows respect for your members. Have one of your members be a timekeeper for you, if needed.