

Getting Started

What is your most memorable first day?

- First day of work
- First day of school (you or your kid)
- First date
- First day at a new school

Going Deeper

This month we are celebrating the 20th anniversary of Canyon Springs. Take a moment to share around the group how you came to the church.

<u>1 Thessalonians 2:8</u>. "We loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well."

Can you tell a story about someone who shared their life and that lead you to a relationship with God?

Why is it important to not just share about Jesus but to share your life?

Acts 2:42-47 gives details about how the first church worked.

Read the verses and make a list of the characteristics they modeled for us

What characteristics of the first church do you feel you are good at? What characteristics do you need to work on?

Read <u>Revelation 2:2-5</u>. On Sunday Jack talked about how he feels he has gotten distracted from the reason why Canyon Springs was first planted, to reach the one. Who is your one? How can you make reaching the next one a priority?

On Sunday Jack gave Canyon Springs a challenge. Take a moment to read it and then discuss it as a group.

"We need to meet with the One. And the One, Jesus Christ, is here at 8:30 and 10:30. He's here and he wants us to worship him. He's here and he wants us to meet with him. He's here and he wants us to pray to him. For years people would come up to me and say, "I don't get the music. I'm only here for the message" and me, in my arrogance would think, "That's cool. At least they like me." I think my attitude about worship has cheated our church out of an opportunity to meet with the God of heaven. I realize that there are a lot of people who don't get the worship piece. Some people will say, "I don't like singing." "Others will say, it's too loud." I've heard people saying for years, "I don't like the worship leaders style." I get it. We all have different presets on our radio. We will never be able to agree on the sound levels or the style or the song choice. Here's my challenge. Learn to worship. Learn to connect with God through singing. Give it a try. I know you can do it. If you went to a Journey concert you'd sing "Don't Stop Believing."

Not only is the One here at 8:30 and 10:30, but your one might be here. When people show up to church for the first time they are usually on time. You're one or someone else's one may be in church this Sunday. Let's make sure they are welcome when they come.

Look I'm not trying to dishonor anyone. I'm trying to honor someone. This is holy ground and God can use this place."

What would it take for you and your family to meet this challenge?

