

Renewing Your Passion
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Mark 11:30

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Three Passion Killers:

1. An unresolved **Conflict**.

The three emotions that kill our passion in the midst of conflict are **resentment**, **jealousy**, and prolonged **anger**.

Job 5:2 "Resentment destroys the fool and jealousy kills the simple."

Job 18:4 "You are only hurting yourself with your anger."

2. An unused **talent**.

1 Peter 4:10 "Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gifts well."

3. An unsupported **life style**.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 "Two are better than one... because if one falls down his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!"

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Life Group Discussion Questions

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Opening Question:

What are some things that you are passionate about?

1. Mark 12:30 in the Message version says, "Jesus said, 'Love the Lord God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy.'" What does it look like for someone to love God with all their passion?
2. As much as the group is comfortable, have people share about a time when they felt either really close and connected to God, or a time they felt far and disconnected from God. What are some of the things that keep up close to God or distant from God?

Life Application:

1. Mark shared about 3 passion killers. The first one was unresolved conflict. Is there a certain person or situation that causes you conflict? What steps can you take to begin the forgiveness process?
2. The second passion killer was unused talents. Why is it so important for us to be using the talents that God gave us? What holds us back at times from using them?
3. Is there a ministry or area you have been thinking about getting involved in and using your talents? What steps do you need to take to make this happen?
4. The third passion killer was an unsupported lifestyle. Why is it so important for us to be connected to others? What are some ways your life group has helped you in your relationship with God?
5. C. S. Lewis said, "The only thing Christianity cannot be is moderately important." What are your thoughts on this quote?

Pray for each other