

appnotes



DAY 1

READ LUKE 15:11-32

I love my church because we are part of the world's greatest party! Jesus attracted crowds of people to Him that were nothing like Him. This didn't go over well with the religious leaders of His time and it doesn't go over well in many churches in our culture. Jesus' story couldn't make God's heart any clearer. In this account He shares a scandalous tale of a son who deserves punishment and reprimand but gets radical love and acceptance instead. People matter to God and there is no one who is beyond His forgiveness and love. We celebrate what God celebrates: people who are far from Him finding the way back home.

DAY 2

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 9:19-26

I love my church because we meet people where they are. Over time, we get so used to our personal preferences that we overlook the spiritual destinies of the lost. We'd rather have a certain type of music, style of dress, or even group of people than change and see people come back to God. In this passage, the Apostle Paul reminds us that we need to be people who do whatever it takes to reach those who haven't heard. We must be intentional, not aimless, if we are going create a church that unchurched people

DAY 3

READ ACTS 22:2-21

I love my church because it's the place where I can take my next step. When it comes to following Jesus, everyone has a next step. As we look at Paul's example we learn that taking next steps doesn't have to be complicated. It's simply a matter of listening to God and doing what He says. Paul was one of the most influential Christians that ever lived. He was a key leader in the early church and was responsible for writing about half of the New Testament. It all started with one small baby step. What is God asking you to do? Don't put it off. Follow Paul's example and take that next step!

DAY 4

READ JOHN 13:1-17

I love my church because it's not about me, yet we live in a consumer society that tells us the exact opposite. On the eve of His crucifixion, Jesus taught His followers what it meant to truly be great: we must be willing to serve others. As God in the flesh, Jesus had the sole right and privilege to be served but He set that right aside. Even though Jesus knew it was His last day on earth and that cross was before Him, He selflessly took time to wash the dirty, stinky feet of His disciples. His message to them and to us is simple: If I am willing to serve, you should be even more willing. A servant is not greater than his master, so serve somewhere! Where has God prompted you to start serving at Parker Hill? Email serve@parkerhill.org to take that next step!

DAY 5

READ ACTS 1:7-13

I love my church because we are on the move. As Jesus left this world He told His followers that their mission was to take His message—a message of a restored relationship with God—to the ends of the earth. More than two thousand years later, we are part of that movement. We are a collection of people following Jesus as He brings light, hope, forgiveness, and transformation to our communities and across the globe. He is on the move and He wants to move through you. God wants to bring His redemptive love to our communities and around the world through His followers. What's your move?