

WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE WE DOING?



IT'S SIMPLE

1. Have you ever experienced something that became overly complicated? How does something that is really complicated impact energy, focus, and morale?
2. **READ John 13:34-35.** As followers of Jesus, we operate out of a position of having received God's love as opposed to having to try to earn his love. How does the fact that God has poured out his love for us impact how we love him in return? How does your love for God show on a regular basis?
3. Something simple may be inadvertently or purposefully interpreted as a lack of desire or impact. However, the idea of simplicity is not a lack of energy, resolve, or passion, but rather it is concentrated effort. The Great Commission is contained in only two verses, Matthew 28:19-20, yet its scope is enormous. A simple methodology should not be confused with a simple mission. How is the mission carried out according to **2 Timothy 2:2**?
4. **READ Acts 2:42-47.** What happened when the early church devoted themselves to what Jesus had told them to do? What led to the sense of awe in Acts 2? What would fuel your sense of awe? How can we fight the attitude where following God just becomes routine or "old hat"?
5. You have a part to play in the church! If you were told you have a part to play at a Packer game, you would probably shrug it off as marketing (actually, they could probably use you). However, each follower of Jesus truly has an opportunity and responsibility to impact the growth, unity, and impact of the church. **READ Romans 12:4-8.** Think of a time when a part of your body was hurting or not functioning as it

should. How did it impact the rest of your body? What is the impact when your body works as it should? How are you being used in the church body?

6. **READ Colossians 3:23.** Simple does not mean a lack of working hard. According to this verse, what do we work hard for? How does that focus help us not give up? What are some ways you intentionally seek to bring God glory?

PRAY for Spring Lake that God would continue to work in our hearts to keep us faithful, fruitful and focused on what matters.