

LifeGroup Questions
Come & See #9 – What's the Point?

1. Like ordering a veggie burger with the optional bacon, you're missing the point. Looking at your own life, our community, our culture at large (politics, social media, etc) what are some examples of people missing the point?
2. If you were to ask your friends, what they think the point is of church, of being a Christian, what would they say?
3. Read Mark 7:1-8. The Pharisees acted like dietary rules and Sabbath-keeping was the point. But really those are just identity markers, external ways that we have of determining who is in and who is out of our circle. In Mark 7, it was a hand-washing ritual. What are some of our identity markers in the church?
4. Jesus (in essence) said that we can have all the right identity markers but our hearts can still be far from him. Have you ever experienced that in your own life? How do you gauge how close your heart is to Jesus?
5. Read Mark 7:14-23. It's what's on the inside that defiles us, not what's on the outside. Looking at the list (in vs 20-23 of stuff that could be lingering in our hearts, which one concerns you the most about your own heart? What are you, or what can you do about that?
6. Proverbs 4:23 says, "Above all else guard your heart for it is the wellspring of life." What is you plan right now to intentionally guard and grow your heart?
7. In 1 Timothy 1:5, Paul says that the purpose of his instruction was that we would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart. So Biblical instruction can and should lead to greater love. If it isn't leading toward greater love, why? What blocks Biblical instruction from developing our hearts?
8. The "point" is to love God, love each other and love our neighbors. If that's the point, in what ways are you "on point" and in what ways are you missing the point?

9. Finally, Dan shared the story of Frank Laubach's prayer, "Can I help you?" For whom should you be praying that prayer this week?