

## BIG IDEA

We are called and created to be people of passion.

## SUMMARY

Passion is attractive, inspiring, and contagious, and it points people to Jesus. The active ingredient in a movement of Hope is passion (1 Peter 2:12). We dream about our passions, we're excited to talk about our passions, and we're willing to sacrifice, invest, and suffer for our passions. Passion creates discipline in our lives (John 14:15). We reclaim lost passion in our lives when we remember, repent, and return to the things we did when we had passion (Revelation 2:4-5). We will respond with passion when we acknowledge the passion Jesus has for us (John 2:17, 1 Corinthians 3:16).

## KEY POINTS

1. Healthy Heart Scale: From Apathy to Passion
  - Apathy steals our present, hides our future, and leads to atrophy in every area of life. (Matthew 15:8)
  - Apathy masquerades as maturity and is the birthplace of religion.
  - God wants to be loved with our lives not our lips. (2 Kings 13:18-19)
2. Cycle of Passion: Anticipation, Honeymoon, Normalcy, Desert (Apathy), Promised Land (Passion)
  - When we stop looking for a way out of our desert, we'll find a way forward to the promised land. (Proverbs 4:23)
  - Taking ground is how we grow young, losing ground is how we grow old. (Joshua 14:7-12)
  - The more kingdom we let in our hearts, the more child-like we become. The more child-like we become, the more passionate we'll be. The more passionate we are, the more we can pioneer.
  - There is no passion that is too far gone that Jesus can't bring it back. (Psalm 51:10-12)
3. What Decreases Passion:
  - Losing sight of grace - passion comes from grace. Passion is Spirit inspired and Spirit sustained.
  - Apathy of others - passion is contagious but apathy is infectious. We can't let someone else's view of God determine our view and response to Him.
  - Distractions - when a good thing becomes the main thing it's a bad thing. (Matthew 6:33)

## KEY QUOTES

- *"Casual obedience is disobedience in the Kingdom of God."*
- *"The Kingdom of Heaven doesn't golf clap."*
- *"We can't make the fire of God fall but we can stack the logs."*

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think about a time you were most passionate about Jesus. What drove your passion?
2. What is the apathy in your heart costing the people in your life?
3. What's a step you can take this week to begin to reclaim passion that you've lost for Jesus?

## ENGAGEMENT POINT

This week, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the depth of genuine love and passion Jesus has for you.

**Scripture References** (Lamentations 3:40, Matthew 5:14, Matthew 24:12, 2 Samuel 11:1-2, Galatians 3:1-3, Revelation 3:15-16, 2 Peter 1:5-9, John 1:16, Galatians 5:7, Hebrews 12:1-2, Mark 11:24, Psalm 116:5, Psalm 45:1)