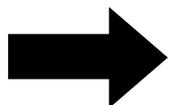


**DEVOTED: Devoted to Jesus: This week we will look at how Jesus describes a devoted follower, and what we can all do to become more devoted followers of Jesus.**

1. We've all seen someone or know of someone that is completely devoted to a thing, a sport, or a cause. Describe the person you are thinking of and what they are devoted to. What makes you say that person is devoted?
2. Let's look at someone who is completely devoted to being a fan of the Indianapolis Colts. List some of the qualities, characteristics, habits, and actions of a completely devoted Colts fan. *(Bonus Question: Do you think the Colts are going to make it the playoffs next year?)*
3. This week Jeff kicked off the new "DEVOTED" series. What are you hoping to get out of this series? What is one thing you heard during the sermon that you needed to hear?
4. Throughout this series, we're obviously talking about and studying what it means for someone to be completely devoted to Jesus. Who is the most devoted follower of Jesus that you know and why did you pick that person?
5. **Read John 13:34-35.** According to the words of Jesus, how are other people going to know that you are devoted to Jesus? Go back to that person you chose in the previous question. Does your description of them match what Jesus says about devoted followers?



6. **Read 1 John 4:7-12.** What jumps out to you here? What can you say about the lengths God went to show His love for us? What does this passage say about how God's love is made complete in us?
  
7. **Read John 21:15-19** is the beginning of the "3rd Act" of Peter's story. Act 1 in Peter's story is Jesus choosing Peter to become an apostle. Act 2 is Peter's famous denial of Jesus (John 18:15ff). Act 3 is Peter being forgiven by Jesus and being set on mission. What does Jesus ask Peter three times in this passage? As a result, what command does Jesus then give Peter?
  
8. The New Testament is full of commands for Christians. Do you see the commands of Jesus as something to study, or meditate on, or memorize...or do you see them as something you actually have to do if you're going to be a follower of Jesus? In other words, do you tend to want to know more or do more?
  
9. How will your life look different if you view the commands of Jesus as something you actually have to do? When was the last time you heard Jesus telling you to do something, and you turned to your own way? Where did that get you?
  
10. The high note in Peter's life (*and also fulfilling what Jesus asked him to do*) is found in Acts 2. Read the conclusion of the sermon in Acts 2:36-41. What response does Peter ask for from his audience to begin their life of devotion to Jesus? Have you done this? As a closing exercise, go around the group (if there's time) and recount your baptism story for the group.  
**If someone has not been baptized and wants to, please have them contact one of the ministers. The ministers would be more than happy to help someone through that process.**

**UPCOMING: DEVOTED SEMINAR** coming up on Sunday, November 22 from 3-7pm. The author of the **DEVOTED** book, Arron Chambers, will be here and conducting this seminar.