

Key Scriptures

Proverbs 29:18 Exodus 6:6-7 Ephesians 1:17-18 Romans 12:9 1 Corinthians 9:22 Psalms 122:1 Mark 2:16-17 1 Corinthians 6:14 Luke 19:10

Key Ideas

5 Elements of a Life-Giving Church Experience

- 1. Church Should be Authentic
- 2. Church Should be Relevant
- 3. Church Should be Enjoyable
- 4. Church Should be Accepting
- 5. Church Should be Powerful

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

 Did you play sports as a kid? Or if you're a parent do or did your kids play sports? Have any embarrassing or unflattering stories?

Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

 Was this message new information for you, a reminder, or something else entirely?

Start sharing. Ask questions to get your group talking.

- What does "It's OK to not be OK but it's not OK to stay that way" mean to you?
- Would you consider your faith to be shallow or deep?
 Why do you say that?
- What kind of attention span do you have? Do you find your mind wandering when someone is talking?
- Have you ever experienced a church where you did not feel welcome? Explain how that made you feel. Why is it important to make people feel welcome at church?
- Have you ever witnessed someone making church all about themselves? How does that make you feel on the outside looking in?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

• Father God, thank you for a church committed to creating an authentic, relevant, enjoyable, accepting, and powerful worship experience. In Jesus' Name, we pray, AMEN.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

• What's one step you can take this week to live out the message in your life?