



ReThinking the Church Let Them Hear

Look Back – Care, Praise, Loving Accountability, Vision – 20 mins This is a time to see how everyone’s week was. Were they successful in the previous week’s goals? Were they unsuccessful? It’s also a time to pour vision into your group. Give them the why behind things we are doing church wide. **Make sure to have your update outline with you so you can reference different points from the sermon.**

- Who had the worst first date? **(Great ice breaker with this past week being Valentine’s day but not leaving out single people. Keep it light, funny and moving along.)**

Look Up – What does the Bible say? Practice – 20 mins

- Read Revelation 2:2-5a. How can a body of believers do all these good things and still forget their first love? How do you struggle with this in your own life?
- Read John 14:15. Abby warned about being a cultural Christian. How do we often fall into that trap? What can we do to combat that (Abby talked about remembering and doing what we did when we first met Jesus)?
- Read John 14:15, Mark 12:30-31 and John 13:34-35. Abby walked us through the idea that following his commands aren’t dogma instead it’s love. How can we, as Shift and individuals, show this love to those around us and then to our brothers and sister in Jesus specifically?
- Jesus followers are identified by how they love one another. Abby said “Loving each other looks like us speaking truth in love, because a church with just the feeling of love and no truth is a façade and church with truth but no love is tyranny.” How can we live this out practically? What does this look like for Shift?
- So many churches say these things and over time they can become lip service. How do we make sure that this is who we always are? How do we fight for family?

Look Forward – Set Goals (For Accountability), Commission and Pray – 20 mins

Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Is there a family member (someone part of Shift) that you feel like God is asking you to reach out to? Write down that person’s name and commit to reaching out to them this week.
- Have you forgotten your first love? If so confess that to your group **(be ready to help them with next steps)**. Commit to making your relationship with Jesus a priority (prayer, daily reading, attending worship).