



COSiloveyou: Part One: How To Love

On Sunday, Jason shared with us about the vision and heart behind the COSiloveyou movement in our city. The movement started because followers of Jesus came together and wanted the city of Colorado Springs to know that the faith community was for them. As followers of Jesus, we want people to know we, as Red Rock Church, are for them and love them so that they will know there is a God who loves them and wants a relationship with them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What part of Sunday's message stood out to you? Was there anything you disagreed with or that encouraged you?

"Listening is important but doing something with what you've heard is even more important."

Share about a humorous story about how you struggle with doing the opposite of what you know you should do.

Read: James 1:22-25

Context: James, Jesus' brother, was writing to the first Christians. He's encouraging the early church to not just "know" about the Word of God. He challenges them to do something about it.

- For far too long the church has been known for what we are against; we want to be known for what we are FOR. How have you experienced what the church has been against? Has that stopped you or those you know from wanting a relationship with God?
- When we not only just hear what God wants us to do but actually do something about it, how do you think that would impact your neighbors and ultimately this city?
- If God showed up in COS and someone would ask him why He sent Jesus to this earth, God would say, "because I love you." If we are the reflection of that love to our friends, neighbors and city, how are you doing with that? How can this group support you in reflecting God's love in our world?
- What can your group do to love this city through the opportunities Red Rock is providing? (on site serving Sunday, City Serve, etc.)
- We ultimately want people to know that God loves them and wants a relationship with them. How do you think that you can do better with having the eyes for people that God has for them? What action steps does that result in?

MOVING FORWARD

Jesus said that people will know there is a God who loves them and wants a relationship with him through his church. Red Rock Church is a local expression of God's Church. As a partner of Red Rock Church, it is eternally critical that we put into action the love of God in our city so that our city can know the hope we have in Jesus. As a group, as individuals, put love into action.

LIVE IT OUT

Memorize: James 1:22

Journaling: Take some time to write about those in your life who have impacted you because they were doers of the Word of God and not just listeners.

Prayer: Ask God for his compassion to become your compassion. Ask him to give you boldness to act on the opportunities he give you.

Accountability: As a group, pick a serving opportunity through City Serve. Sign up at <http://www.cityservecos.com/serve/>