

Life Group Discussion Guide

THE FRONT PORCH

John 15:9-17

Stuart Jones - March 4, 2018



Y'all

INTRODUCTION

There was a time—you may even remember it—when most homes had a front porch. It was a pleasant place where people gathered to enjoy life. Adults spent time rocking, telling stories and watching children play in the front yard. Maybe someone grabbed a guitar played a gospel song so everyone could sing along. Work days were longer and harder but there were fewer distractions. People took the time and made the time to be with those who meant the most in their lives.

Times have changed. Be sure to make time for the people who really matter in your life.

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. What “Southernisms” such as Y’all do you use a lot? Where did you pick them up? If you don’t use “Southernisms,” what’s the funniest one you’ve ever heard?
2. Tell the group about any “Front porch sittin’” memories you have (whose house, what time of day, who was there, etc.).

EVALUATE IT

1. Answer the question Stuart asked, “How do you and I get what the Disciples were experiencing? What does abiding look like?”
2. Read John 15:9-12. How do verses 9 and 12 tie together? How is love the essential dynamic of the Christian life?
3. Stuart said, “What Jesus amplified when he washed his disciples’ feet was the kind of love he wanted them to have for each other.” What does this deep friendship look like today?
4. Read John 15:10. How does obeying the commands of Jesus enable us to remain in His love? If Jesus isn’t saying that if we fail to follow a command He stops loving us, what is He saying?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Stuart said, "I think it's also pretty clear that Jesus wanted to know an existence on this side of eternity that was different than we could find on our own." Are you living that now? Why or why not?
2. Do you have any people in your life who "Wash your feet and you wash theirs?"

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"Any rule of life that can't be done by everyone is a crummy rule of life."

- Matt Chandler



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