

## A Passion from Above - November 2021

As we have been navigating through a "Covid culture" the last 18 months, what we know as normal has been turned upside down. In the process, we have lost the rhythms and practices that kept us balanced and in touch with the Lord. Have you felt at any point my might have lost some of your passion for God? Have you lost your passion for Jesus? It is very easy in our lives to lose the passion that we once had for Christ. So how do we reclaim our passion for Jesus?

## Read Romans 12:1-2, 10-11, Revelation 2:4-5

What are you passionate about, what gets you excited?

Are any of those passions impacting the Kingdom of God? How so?

Do you feel there is more you can do to serve God? How would you go about accomplishing that?

Pastor Riddle described "acedia" as a sin or trap that makes us incredibly busy in all the wrong things, but having no real impact on the most important matters that go beyond this world. Have you felt yourself being drawn into this trap? Revelation 2:4-5 describes God's people who have lost their first passion and love for the Lord. The Lord calls us to "repentance" to return to our first love AND to "do the things you did at first." How can you return to your first love?

In "view of God's mercy" on your life what are some ways you can actively seek to serve and love him more deeply? Are there places in and out of the church where you can make a commitment to serve?

