

4. At Edgewater, we are blessed to be a multi-ethnic community. Think of those in your Growth Group. What ethnicities are represented there?

TAKING IT HOME

1. One of our values at Edgewater is that we would be good news to our community. How can we be intentional about creating and nurturing a culture where we have a desire for all ethnic groups to know Jesus?

2. What are some ways you can celebrate the diversity you already enjoy at Edgewater and in your Growth Group?

As you close in prayer, be sure to share with your group the 3 people you are praying for this week. Share any other steps you hope to take to be passionate about people having a relationship with Jesus.

PASSION

1 Corinthians 9:1-27

THE PASSION: “I will do whatever it takes for people to have

_____”

CRITICISM ABOUT PAUL

PAYING PASTORS – 3 BIBLICAL METHODS

GOD’S MAIN CONCERN = _____

TWO CHALLENGES:

1.

2.

Growth Group Homework

For the Week of February 5, 2012

MY STORY

1. What is your favorite cultural tradition?

2. Can you remember a story where you were introduced to a different culture's tradition? What was it like?

3. Look back at your notes from this Sunday's teaching. Was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you or raised a question?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read **Matthew 28:16-20**. This passage is often referred to as the Great Commission, some of the last words of Jesus on earth. There are 3 commands given to his disciples; what are they?

What encouragement does Jesus give his disciples?

2. This may be a very familiar passage to you. Imagine you were there observing this scene as it happened. What would you be thinking?

What would you want to do next? Where would you want to go?

3. Often this passage is focused on going to different countries and sharing Jesus with nations that have not heard of Jesus. In the original language, the word for "nations" literally means "ethnic groups." Does this change how you understand this passage? Why?

On Sunday, Pastor John shared about needing to be passionate about sharing Jesus with friends, family, and those around us. What this passage seems to be implying is that we should focus not just on those who are like us, but intentionally make sure that all groups are made aware of Jesus, whether similar to you or not. How does that make you feel?