

"This Year I Will Be FOR The Valley" January 26-27, 2019 Lead Pastor Tyler Scott

INTRODUCTION

For far too long the church has been known for what we're against. We want to be known for what we're FOR. We are FOR The Valley. Join the movement. Rock the swag. Love your neighbors. Pay it backward.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Share about someone in your life that is FOR you. How do you know they are FOR you, and how does it make you feel?
- 2. Have you ever had someone SAY they were FOR you, but their actions proved otherwise? Explain. Share some of the results.
- 3. Read Romans 8:31.
 - a. How do we KNOW that God is FOR us? (*If you need some answers to this, read all of Romans 8 ©)
- 4. Read John 3:16-17. What did God DO to show that He is FOR us? Why/How do you think these verses are relevant to today's culture?
- 5. Read Romans 5:8. How might this verse help/inspire you to be FOR your neighbors, or FOR The Valley, or FOR people who are far from God?
- 6. How might the FOR message help overcome some of the negative labels or perceptions of Jesus followers?
- 7. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-20. Since God is FOR us, and we are Christ's ambassadors...What are some PRACTICAL ways that you can be FOR the Valley?
 - a. What kind of swag do you like the most, and where can/will you rock it (car window, gym, work, park, iron horse trail, etc.)?
 - b. How can you SHOW your neighbors you are FOR them this week?
 - c. Where will you most likely "Pay It Backward?" Starbucks? Peet's? A Drive-Thru? Explain. (Have you ever had someone do this for you?)
- 8. Read Matthew 22:37-40. What are some tangible ways YOUR GROUP could love/serve/be FOR the Valley together?

COMMIT TO ACTION

Practice saying the following statement until you commit it to memory: "For far too long the church has been known for what we're against. We want to be known for what we're FOR. We are FOR The Valley."

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Pray that we (as a church) would LOVE our community and be FOR The Valley. Pray for each other to join the movement, love your neighbors, and "pay it backward."