

SERMON NOTES

“POEMA” Part 1 - Passion

1. POEMA - Introduction

Ephesians 2:10 NIV - 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. NLT = masterpiece, POEMA - “Poetry”

“Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words.” Robert Frost

“A picture is a poem without words.” Horace

Psalm 139:13-16 (NIV)

13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

You are Unique

Romans 12:2 (NIV) - 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

PASSION -

- *POEM = “Bee to the blossom, moth to the flame; Each to his passion; what's in a name? Helen Hunt Jackson*

Philippians 2:13 (NLT) - 13 For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

- *Enthusiasm - “The real secret of success is enthusiasm. Walter Chrysler*

Psalm 37:4 (NKJV) - 4 Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

- *“Nothing great in the world has ever been accomplished without passion. Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel*
- *“If you do what you love, you'll never work a day in your life. Marc Anthony*

Colossians 1:29 (ESV) - For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Ezekiel 36:26-27 (NIV) - I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

Other verses quoted: Isaiah 9:7, 1 Chronicles 17:1-2, John 2:17, Jeremiah 31:33; Jeremiah 32:39–40; Ezekiel 11:19; Ezekiel 36:26–27, Hebrews 10:16

Questions we ask:

- **W**hat issues or causes make you angry, emotional, or excited?
- **W**hat would you spend your time doing even if you were never paid for it?
- **W**hat type of people do you want to help?
- **W**hat issues or problems do you really want to see solved or addressed?
- **W**hat do you spend free time doing or thinking about?
- **W**hat energises you and makes you feel good?

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDES

Remember that the aim of the small group is to foster discussion and community, rather than for the leader or one individual to preach to everyone.

1 - Often an **Icebreaker question** is a great way to start discussion. You could ask a question like:

- What were the highs or lows of your week?
- What is your earliest memory?
- If you had to describe yourself as one animal, what would it be and why?
- What is your favourite type of holiday destination?

2 - Next, **read the passage**. You can ask various people in the group to help by each reading a portion of the passage.

3 - These are the **main questions** to ask to understand the passage:

- What is the main message of this talk / passage?
Allow discussion and even diverging from the main topic if it is helpful.
- What did you find particularly helpful or challenging?
- What did you not fully understand?
- What can we do **PRACTICALLY** in response to this teaching?

4 - Close by offering **prayer** for each person.

- Ask, "how can we pray for you / each other now?"
- Ask each person to pray or you, as leader, pray for each person's need

The blessing and opportunity in Small Groups is the possibility for...

- Each person to contribute and/or ask questions,
- People to pray for each other and to ask for prayer,
- People to learn to use and grow in their gifts,
- Community, friendship and intimacy in relationships.

God Bless you in this very important ministry.