

OUTFLOW

Message Notes

February 28, 2010

"Come to
the Party"

1 Thessalonians 3:12

1 Thessalonians 3:12 (NIV) May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.

Why People Don't Go to Church

- A. Church isn't friendly.
- B. Church is only interested in my money.
- C. People worry about child care.
- D. People say that church is boring, especially the sermons.
- E. People don't believe that the church really cares about them.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)

1. Jesus Turns Funerals into _____.

As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out – the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry." Then he went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. (Luke 7:12-16)

You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy. (Psalm 30:11)

2. Jesus Turns Emptiness into _____ Life.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10)

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." (John 4:13-15)

3. Jesus Turns Self-Focused Lives _____.

...You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows." (Psalm 23:5)

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But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life." (Revelation 22:17)

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Want to Go Deeper?

- Memorize 1 Thessalonians 3:12.
- Remember the times God turned your grief into joy.
- If your life was outwardly-focused, how would it be different at home, school, work, and church?
- If you are ready to accept God's invitation to a new life, let us know and we will help you with next steps.
- Read the first five chapters of *Outflow* by Steve Sjogren and Dave Ping.

Please let us know the commitments you are making to God by using the Communication Card. We will pray for you!