

ADDITIONAL NOTES



WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO

Ezekiel 10:18 is a bone-chilling passage:

“Then the glory of the Lord departed from the threshold of the temple and stood over the cherubim.”

Ezekiel is already in exile. He looks back in vision and he sees the temple. He sees Jerusalem. And the glory of God, which had rested on the temple since the days of Solomon, some 300 years previous, is going up, moving away from the Most Holy Place. Rising up into the sky, and then disappearing.

It's gone. He's gone. God's gone. The Spirit has left the building. The glory of God—gone.

Can you image? Talk about a life altering event. Talk about a history altering event.

This is 9/11 significant. This is December 7 (Pearl Harbor Day) significant.

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But keep reading Ezekiel. Keep reading you despite the fact that the Spirit is gone, the people are still there. Life continued for Israel unaltered. Unchanged. It was all the same—at least for the moment.

And it made me think:

What if the Spirit of God departed from our Church?

Even scarier: Are we CHASING the Spirit of God away from our church?

If our church is going to survive and thrive until Jesus comes, we must be a _____ community, built and held together by the supernatural _____ of God.

WHAT SUPERNATURAL COMMUNITIES DO:

Matthew 28:19 -- “Go therefore and _____
of all nations....”

Matthew 28:20 -- “ _____ them to observe _____
things I have commanded you....”

1. Supernatural communities DO _____

2. Supernatural communities DO _____

Evangelism is the church showing its love for _____,
_____, and the _____.

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WHAT SUPERNATURAL COMMUNITIES ARE:

1. _____

“Forgiveness is inviting other people to the party God is throwing for you.” -- Dan Allender, Seattle Seminary

2. _____

We love God to the extent that we _____ forgiveness.

QUESTIONS FOR THOUGHT:

1. Do some people immediately feel like they no longer belong in our church?
2. Why do people choose SAF to worship? Is it God? Is it worship experience? Is it Bible study? Or is it because we are warm, friendly, and have a supernatural community?
3. How many friendships do you have outside the church? How can we foster friendships that exist in and out of the church?
4. How can better build bridges in the community through forgiveness, love, discipleship, and evangelism?