



"How to Strengthen the Church"

Sunday Morning, September 13, 2015

Review

1. *Be involved (Acts 2; Heb. 10:25; 1 Thess 5:11)*
2. *Pray (2 Timothy 2:1-2, 8)*
3. *Don't reject/divide*
4. *Support Financially (Luke 14:33)*
5. *Be positive (Phil. 4:8)*
6. *Let God work*

ICEBREAKER:

Superheroes are known for having strength in different areas. If God told you he was going to let you choose one superhero power to have for the rest of your life, what would you pick and why?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Read Acts 20:28. Discuss, based on this verse, why it's important for us to do our best to make the church strong.
2. Over the years, do you feel like people are less involved with church, more, or the same? Why do you feel that way?
3. Who does 2 Timothy 2:1-2 tell us to pray for? How often do you pray outside of meals and bedtime?
4. What are some things that have been introduced into the church over the past few years, that while not unscriptural, have caused tension? Why do you think that is?
5. How should we view giving financially at church? The lesson stated "Don't look at giving as a duty or a law, but as a privilege to enjoy to giving back to God." How is giving a privilege? How does it make you feel when you add Luke 14:33 into the idea of giving?
6. How do you deal with negative people? How do negative people affect you? Share ideas on how to push negativity away in your life.
7. Why is it so hard to let God work in your life? Do you find yourself rushing God, and then dealing with it yourself if He doesn't respond?
8. Go around your group, and have everyone say one positive thing about the NWT Church of Christ.
9. Close the time in prayer - for our church - that it may be strengthened and grow.