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What's An Irresistible Church?
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INTRODUCTION

When you think of the word irresistible what comes to your mind? Maybe a favorite dessert or snack food. Maybe even a classic car. Not many people would think about the church. At LSA, we believe that an irresistible church is one that encourages people to have a heart that follows hard after God by growing people in four key relationships: in their commitment (with God and themselves), in their community (with insiders), in contribution (to the church and community) and in the communication of the Good News (to outsiders). That's what the greatest commandments are all about! We are convinced that the church should be irresistible in its love for God, ourselves, insiders and outsiders because Jesus was!

Begin by reading Matthew 22:34-40

1. What does a spiritually growing or maturing person look like to you?
2. How does a person become spiritually mature?
3. According to this passage, how does Jesus measure spiritual maturity?
4. It seems that Jesus is teaching that spiritual growth is a lifelong process, not a point in time (like completing a program or curriculum or experience). Do you agree or disagree?
5. Is each of the four vital relationships equally important in the growth process? Why?

MOVING FORWARD

In our lives we have come to realize that apart from Jesus we can do nothing (John 15:5) - that includes growing spiritually. All we can do is create an environment for God to work in, and trust that in His time and His way, He will. Around Lakeshore the three environments that are designed to help us grow in these key relationships are: our **Front Door** (our weekend services where I can grow in my commitment with God through corporate worship and my communication of the Good News with outsiders by inviting them), our **Living Room**, (where I can try on a group of relationships for 6-8 weeks to find the one that fits) and our **Kitchen**, (where I can really grow in community and contribution in a long term small group as we learn how to support, belong and care). It is out of community with each other that we overflow into ministry and mission in our world. When you think about how Jesus defined spiritual growth, what is your next step in your commitment with God and yourself, in your community and contribution with insiders and your communication of the good news with outsiders? Share your next steps with the group and ask them to hold you accountable for them. If you have any input as to how we as a church can take some next steps in our spiritual growth email Brad at moffice@lsachurch.net.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

...continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose. Philippians 2:12-13