

Changing St. Louis (Amos 5:4-24)

Basic Training – Part 6

Life Church St. Louis – October 11, 2015

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James 1:22 (NIV) Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV) if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

1. _____ the Lord for St. Louis

Amos 5:4 (NIV) This is what the LORD says to the house of Israel: "Seek me and live;

1A. Do not seek after _____

Amos 5:5 (NIV) do not seek Bethel, do not go to Gilgal, do not journey to Beersheba. For Gilgal will surely go into exile, and Bethel will be reduced to nothing."

1B. _____ of injustice

Amos 5:7 (NIV) You who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground

2. Seek _____ for St. Louis

Amos 5:14 (NIV) Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is.

2A. _____ evil

Amos 5:15a (NIV) Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts.

2B. Ask for God's _____

Amos 5:15b (NIV) Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

3. Seek _____ hearts

3A. Resist the _____ spirit

Amos 5:21-23 (NIV) "I hate, I despise your religious feasts; I cannot stand your assemblies. Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps.

3B. Pray for _____

Amos 5:24 (NIV) But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

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Intro. How are we deceived when we only listen to God's Word (James 1:22)?

What do you see as major problems in St. Louis?

Do you think that the church overall in St. Louis is making a difference? Why or why not?

What does God's Word say that we must do in order to bring healing to our city (2 Chronicles 7:14)?

1A. What does it mean to seek the Lord (Amos 5:4)?

1B. What was wrong with Israel seeking after idols (Amos 5:5-6)?

1C. What did Israel's idolatry lead to in their lives (Amos 5:7)? What did they need to do?

1D. Why do you think that only about 20% of our church participates in our monthly Prayer and Praise night?

1E. How can you seek the Lord more diligently in your life?

2A. How were the people of Amos' day deceived in thinking that the Lord was with them (Amos 5:14)? What does it mean to "seek good"?

2B. Why do hating evil and loving good go hand in hand (Amos 5:15a)?

2C. Why should we plead for God's mercy on St. Louis (Amos 5:15b)?

2D. In what ways does a church diverse in age, race and nationality represent God's kingdom?

2E. What are ways that you can seek good and show's God's love for those around you who don't know Jesus?

3A. Why is the ultimate goal in changing St. Louis to see people saved?

3B. In what ways did the people of Amos' day demonstrate a religious spirit (Amos 5:21-23)?

3C. How do you see a religious spirit in St. Louis?

3D. How are justice and righteousness the results of changed hearts (Amos 5:24)?

3E. How can you determine whether someone is a true believer in Jesus or not?

3F. Who are people that you can pray for opportunities to witness to?