

4—PASSION:

What Is My Driving Desire?

THINKING DEEPER

What is the one thing you are most passionate about? Why?

Discuss their thoughts

LOOKING DEEPER

1. Read your THINKING DEEPER entry. What are you willing to give up (sacrifice) to keep your passion? Is it worth the cost? **Encourage students to look at the short- and long- term value of their passion. Ask them to share why they are willing to sacrifice. Be gentle in leading them to being mindful of living passionately for God first.**
2. Read Philippians 2:5-11. Discuss the passion and sacrifice in this passage. Who benefits the most from them? **Jesus left His throne in heaven to live with and die for fallen mankind so they can have a relationship with God through faith in Christ. He did it “not because we are good, but because He is God!” All who live in faith and surrender to the Lordship of Jesus will benefit—knowing that He is preparing a place for us to be with Him forever!**
3. Be honest. How passionate are you about your walk with Jesus? **This answer might vary. Point them to the definition of passion at the right of the worksheet. Ask students why they think it is hard to always live passionately for God. The more passionately they live for Christ, the more complete their lives will become!**
4. What are you going to do about it? **Discuss attainable ways to get students excited about their faith. This passion is a life-long process that will have ups and downs. Now is the time to create habits that keep them hungry and passionate for God.**

GOING DEEPER

Reflect on the four sessions of *ESSENTIALS*. Write down something that impacted you from each session. How will you share them with friends & family?

As you read Bible or devotional passages, ask two question every time: 1) What sin is being revealed in my life? 2) What promises am I missing because of sin? Use the promises of God to “light a fire” in you to live passionately for Christ!

Passion: The willingness to suffer or endure; something to work for no matter the cost