

Sermon Discussion Questions, September 11, 2011

Think Local: Why Changing the World Starts in Your Backyard, Week Four

Being Involved in the Arts

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Selected Scripture

FIRST PRINCIPLES – What is art?

- 1. How would you define art? Why do you think art is hardwired into the human condition?**

ARTS IN THE BIBLE – Art is a vehicle for worship.

- 2. Name examples of art in the Bible. How do you know God's passion for the arts is not limited to visual arts?**

ARTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH – Art both formed and then transformed Western Civilization up to about 1920?

- 3. Name some ways the arts flourished in the Western Civilization? Why do you think the church withdrew from the arts in the early 1900s? What are your perceptions of the art community today?**

THE REVIVAL OF THE ARTS – During the 1960s things began to change.

- 4. Why do you think art is enjoying a resurgence of interest in the Christian community today?**

SO WHAT- Why should I have any concerns about the fine arts as a follower of Christ?

- 5. How could you use your God given abilities to build relationships with those (in the arts) who might be far from Christ?**
- 6. What creative abilities do you have that you might use in ministry?**