

Love That Doesn't Act Isn't Love

Week of October 29, 2017

These Digging Deeper questions can be used the week following the Sunday message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your family or Connect Group discussions.



Message Recap:

Read Luke 10:25-37

People have spent thousands of years trying to figure out what it takes to get into heaven. Christ followers over the centuries have devoted their lives to living in a manner so that they'll be rewarded with eternal life when they die. How then is it that we've all missed the point for so long, especially when Jesus laid it out for us so simply? He told us to love God first, love people second, and lastly, though not quite so obvious, to love ourselves. This is all we need to do (keyword there is 'do'). This is all we need to do, but it is something that many have simply not fully understood, or have twisted to mean something that God did not intend for it to mean. Love is an action. We can't claim to love Jesus and live in indifference doing nothing about the broken world around us. Choose to do love.

Pray

Lord, you sent your Son into the world to show us how to live and how to love. You have given us your words through the Bible so that we could see and know exactly what we're supposed to do, and how we're supposed to live. We know that you've called us to love above all else. By our human nature, that's not always easy for us to do. Please help us love more, so that through us the world might know more love, and ultimately, find a peace that's beyond understanding in you.

Getting Started

- When was a time where you did something that literally exhausted you, whether physically, mentally, or in some other way?
- How many times in your life have you felt this type of exhaustion - an exhaustion to the point where you had to rest to recover?

Digging Deeper

1. Of all these times where you've felt exhausted, how many of them were for the sake of someone else?
2. Do you think that you've truly loved God, or other people, to your fullest capacity? If not, what do you think that would look like?
3. Avoiding pain and broken is incredibly easy for us to do. Why do you think that we tend to avoid it so much? Why do YOU tend to avoid it when you do?
4. Read Luke 10:27. In order to really love God (and people), he asks us to give all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. What does that look like? Which of those areas do you need to improve on giving more of?
5. What is one way that you know you've been called to love more? How do you plan to follow through with God's pull in that area?
6. One other thing God says here is to love ourselves. What does that look like? How do you feel you're doing in that regard?
7. How can you (and the group) love better? Where is a need in your community where there's broken that needs God's touch of love? What are you going to do about it?

Living Jesus

It's easy to look at matters of faith through lenses that skew our perception and blind us to God's message. Take off the lenses that minimize your understanding and see love through God's eyes. Read the Bible and seek God's truth, not a truth that's been boxed into something more manageable. Our humanity holds us back, but God gave us Jesus to show the way and the Holy Spirit to overcome. Trust in this and you will be capable of more than you know!

Your Story

How do you love? Is it to the point of exhaustion? Chances are, you can probably do more. Think of ways how you can exhaust yourself living God's love and then do it. *Take Action! Share your love action on social media or email the church using #MyStory.*