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Life is better connected.
with friends
in circles
around a table
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Digging Deeper

Love is Everything in God's Kingdom

Week of June 17, 2018

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 1 Peter 1:17-23

We live our lives in relational poverty; we live outside of deep relationships and without love. This is killing us: but Jesus kills relational poverty as we become his love in the world. Love is everything in God's Kingdom. Once you learn to live from Jesus, you can learn to live from love; loving Jesus, loving yourself, and loving others as Jesus loves. When you allow Jesus to really rule your life, he will move your life away from lonely and toward loving others unconditionally. Hell is about being alone and being unloved. Kingdom is about loving one another deeply, from the heart; it's about being connected to Jesus and to one another. Let Jesus work through you so you can have sincere love for your brothers and sisters in Christ, for your family, and for everyone else whom God puts in your path. Giving your life to Jesus means being profoundly changed, week by week, by a power bigger than your pain. Start living that transformation!

Pray

Jesus, let me learn how to live your love. Help me move toward; toward you, toward love, toward heaven, and toward the hurting who need to know your love. Help me live without regard to my rights or my woundedness, and help me break free from from my relational poverty and be an example of connection in the world.

Getting Started

- What is something in your life that you never thought you'd do, but you took a step out of your comfort zone to do? What was the result?
- How would you define relational poverty? Do you feel like this describes your life?

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1. Think about everything you do in your life; what role does love have in each area of your life?
2. How much do you think "feeling loved" has to do with how you show love? Should "feeling loved" have that kind of impact on your actions? Why or why not?
3. Do you ever let your own woundedness get in the way of your relationships? Explain the effect this has on your relationships.
4. In John 13:34 Jesus said, "A new command I give you: Love one another." Why did he classify it as a NEW command? In what context was the command given?
5. Read Peter 1:17-23. If we are called to love one another deeply from the heart, what does doing this well look like?
6. Knowing and loving Jesus should provoke a deep and eternal change in you. Does his love reflect in all areas of your life? If not, how does this lesson make you think about love differently?

Living Jesus

If you are living Jesus, you are *not* living for you. Jesus' love should change the way you think and the way you act. If you follow Jesus, let your life be ALL Jesus—in Jesus, about Jesus, from Jesus, for Jesus. Let Jesus lead you to love differently. Create relationships that truly connect because they are being built though Jesus' love not by woundedness. This is the way we can end relational poverty and change the relationships in our lives. This is the way we live Jesus.

What's Your Story?

How has your life been changed by the love to Jesus? How are you showing the love to Jesus to others to make your life more connected? Please share your story with us at the link below.

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