

Love Is The One Thing That Changes Everything

INTRODUCTION:

No matter where we live, how old we get, or who we are we want it. Love. We're often fooled by what masquerades in this world as love, but God has gone to great lengths to unmask the truth about love. God isn't just a lovely person He is the very source. God is love. He demonstrates this love to us and offers it freely to us. So, have you received His love? Do you live a life filled with this love? Is your life centered by the one thing that truly does change everything?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is love?
2. Read I John 4:7-21. This passage has much to say on love, so what are some key truths and applications concerning God's love based on this text?
3. What is the connection between loving God and loving others?
4. Read Matthew 23:24-40. Why would the Pharisees ask Jesus which is the greatest commandment? What was His response? Why? What does Jesus mean when He says all the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments?
5. How do the love commandments change your life today?
6. Why would Jesus say that love is the most important thing when it comes to following Him?

TAKE A STEP

In God love abounds. Does it abound in our heart and mind? When you reflect back over the last 6 months how have you consistently devoted yourself to someone else's good? Take some time now and review I Corinthians 13:4-7. What relationships can you celebrate today where, based on these verses, you would say God's love is abounding in that relationship? Spend time thanking God for how His love may have grown through these relationships. In the same way, what relationships are you involved in right now where, based on these verses, you would say God's love may not be abounding? Maybe you need patience or kindness in a particular relationship. Maybe you've been a record keeper in a relationship. Whatever it is allow time for God to speak to your heart and then submit to His love. Submit to being devoted to someone else's good. Ask God to reveal steps you may need to take in the relationship.

REMEMBER & MEDITATE

“...but knowledge puffs up while love builds up.” I Corinthians 8:1 (NIV)