

Life Group Study Notes

February 19, 2023

This Week's Message



Love

Exodus 34:5-7; John 3:16-17; 1 Corinthians 13:1-3; 1 John 4:8

Similar to God's goodness, love is another attribute that when misunderstood, creates a one-dimensional caricature that misrepresents the very heart of God

Study – Discovering What the Bible Says

1. What was a major takeaway for you from last week's study? (Hint: It was on God being good).
2. What are the two extremes when it comes to understanding God's love?

This study uses the following passages: Exodus 34:5-7; John 3:16-17; 1 Corinthians 13:1-3; 1 John 4:8

3. Discuss the contrasts found in Exodus 34:5-7 between God's love and those who want to continue in their sin?
4. What is at the heart of John 3:16-17? Is this a new understanding for you of this passage?

5. What 2 points were given concerning John 3:16-17?
 - a. God's love is both _____ and _____.
It is _____ on _____ and _____.
 - b. It is better to say that God's love is _____.
6. Discuss the characteristics of God's holiness, goodness, and love as they relate to our personal life and walk with God? Why is "love" unique?
7. Discuss what was presented in the message concerning 1 Corinthians 13:1-3. Do you agree or disagree?
8. Discuss the 2 summary statements given at the end of the message.
 - a. Love is an _____ to _____ people by which I allow _____ to be a _____ for God's _____.
 - b. Love is hard because it will _____ more of me than I am sometimes _____ to _____.
9. Is there anything additional that you would like to add or discuss on this topic?

My Personal Journey

1. How has this study challenged you about the character and nature of God?

Additional Notes

Coming Next Week – Part 1 of our Series, *The Grudge*

The Tension
Matthew 6:14-15; 18:21

Why is forgiveness so hard, especially when it is an expected part of what it means to be a believer in God? How do we understand and navigate forgiveness when we've been deeply hurt?

Check out our new series on forgiveness starting next week

Series Summary *The Grudge* (4 Part Series)

In a world of cancel culture and deep social divisions, forgiveness is becoming a lost discipline. Yet, to be a believer means that forgiveness must be a necessary part of our faith journey.

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