



EQUIPPED TO WIN | EPISODE 3: LOVE PEOPLE

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

We love people and are called to lay our lives down to give the love we've been given. Loving people like Jesus begins with seeing them like He sees them.

CONNECT

There are five love languages: quality time, words of affirmation, physical touch, gifts, and acts of service. Which of the five do you find yourself expressing to other people? Which do you best receive love from other people?

PROTECT

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see everyone you encounter the way He sees them and to help you love people like He does.

GROW

1. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. What do you think prevents us from seeing this type of love in the world today?
2. The video talked about how we connect, protect, and grow in groups. What area in your spiritual life would you like to grow in?
3. Read John 8:1-11. How does Jesus interact with this woman? How do the Pharisees interact with this woman? In looking at your life, honestly, which one do you look more like right now?
4. Read Luke 15:11-24. What can you personally take away from this story to help you better love people?
5. Read Hebrews 10:24-25. What does it practically look like to live these verses out?

PRAY

Thank God for loving us. Ask Him to help us love others the way He has called us to, to give us eyes to see people the way He does, to show us how to put others above ourselves, and to help one another grow as a group.



WHAT WE LEARN IN GROUPS SHOULD TRANSLATE TO HOW WE LIVE OUR DAILY LIVES. JAMES 1:22 SAYS THIS, “BUT BE DOERS OF THE WORD, AND NOT HEARERS ONLY, DECEIVING YOURSELVES.” WE ARE CALLED TO OBEY THE WORD, NOT JUST HEAR IT. JAMES GOES ON TO SAY, “SO ALSO FAITH BY ITSELF IF IT DOES NOT HAVE WORKS, IS DEAD” (JAMES 2:17). SO, WHAT DOES LOVING PEOPLE LIKE JESUS ACTUALLY LOOK LIKE?

IN THE APOSTLE PAUL'S LETTER TO THE CHURCH AT CORINTH, HE WROTE THE TRUE DEFINITION OF LOVE. THIS WAS WRITTEN BY A MAN WHOSE IDEA OF LOVE HAD BEEN FLIPPED UPSIDE DOWN WHEN HE ENCOUNTERED CHRIST ON HIS WAY TO DAMASCUS TO PERSECUTE JESUS' FOLLOWERS.

PAUL WROTE THIS: "LOVE IS PATIENT AND KIND; IT DOES NOT ENVY OR BOAST; IT IS NOT ARROGANT OR RUDE. IT DOES NOT INSIST IN ITS OWN WAY; IT IS NOT IRRITABLE OR RESENTFUL; IT DOES NOT REJOICE AT WRONGDOING BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH. LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS, BELIEVES ALL THINGS, HOPES ALL THINGS. ENDURES ALL THINGS" (1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7).

TODAY, HOW DO YOU SEE PEOPLE WHO DISAGREE TREATING ONE ANOTHER? JESUS CALLS US TO LOVE DIFFERENTLY. HE CALLS US TO LOVE EVEN OUR ENEMIES WITH PATIENCE, KINDNESS, HUMILITY, AND SELFLESSNESS. WE CAN LIVE THIS OUT BY SEEING PEOPLE AS GOD SEES THEM, PUTTING OTHERS ABOVE OURSELVES, AND HELPING PEOPLE GROW IN COMMUNITY.

1. WHAT SURPRISES YOU THE MOST ABOUT THE DEFINITION OF LOVE FOUND IN 1 CORINTHIANS 13?
2. WHO IS ONE PERSON YOU CAN INTENTIONALLY TRY TO PUT ABOVE YOURSELF THIS WEEK? HOW WILL YOU PUT THIS PERSON'S PRIORITIES ABOVE YOUR OWN?

READ JAMES 5:16. WE LOVE PEOPLE AND PUT OTHERS ABOVE OURSELVES; ONE WAY TO DO THIS IS TO PRAY FOR THEM. THINK OF SOMEONE YOU KNOW WHO NEEDS PRAYER. THIS WEEK, WE HAVE PROVIDED YOU WITH SPACE TO JOURNAL A PRAYER FOR THIS PERSON. AFTER YOU PRAY FOR THEM, TEXT THEM AND LET THEM KNOW YOU'RE PRAYING FOR THEM.