

WINTER / SPRING 2022 Life Group – Week 8

Series: Who is God

Sermon: God is Love

Date: 03/20/2022

1. Ice breaker / Game Helium Stick

This is one of those simple ice breaker games you can use to enhance teamwork and problem solving & requires one long, thin, light rod (e.g. a broom handle). Line up people in two rows facing each other. Introduce the Helium Stick and ask participants to hold their index fingers out. Lay the Stick on their fingers & before letting go, have everyone adjust their position so the Stick is horizontal and everyone is touching it. The goal is to lower the Stick to the ground in a way that no one lets go of it at any time. Pinching, grabbing or holding on properly to the Stick is not allowed. If the group makes a mistake, they start from the beginning.

2. Share (from last week's Q #5) Have you been able to look for and find good this past week?

3. Sermon Review

~ "God is love" is one of the hardest messages to preach, because it's so misunderstood.

Whatever we feel good about, we call love.

~ Love is a part of God, as your skin color is forever yours.

~ Did you know that God was Love before He created the world? God loved Jesus (and you) before the creation of the universe.

~ Love seeks to bring maximum joy to the beloved.

~ God's love brings glory to His beloved. But Glory should never be kept by us. We should give it back to God. Even God doesn't keep glory, He glorifies the Son.

4. Digging Deeper:

- What did you think when pastor said most of us have a purpose that impacts few people around us? Most people won't be "great", and that's ok. (There's Moses, and there's Moses' mother. Who's purpose is more important?) How is it different from what the world preaches?
- Pastor said that glory is a natural response for the victory, or accomplishment or achievement. Have you ever been in a situation when someone else got the credit you deserved? How did you feel? Is it prideful to want the credit?
- Read 1 Cor. 10:31; Exodus 14:4; Isaiah 42:8; John 17:1-3; What do you see? What's the common denominator?
- John 13:31 What is Jesus talking about here? Do you associate glory with suffering? Is there another way to glory?

5. Taking it home: Think of the hardest area of your life right now? Is it all (100%) bad? What's good? Can you think of a way to remind yourself to look for good whenever you're tempted to focus on the bad?

6. Prayer:

- 🙏 Do you have any prayer requests?
- 🙏 Please pray for The Love Walk.

7. Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *What's Next Dinner - March 23 @6:30*
- ❖ *Baptisms - March 27*
- ❖ *Love Walk - April 2, @4:30*
- ❖ *Good Friday - Communion and Worship Night - April 15 @7*
- ❖ *Easter services - April 17, @ 9, 10 or 11:15*