Trinity || Loving God and Loving People || Week 5 Group Notes

INTRODUCTION

Since God is relational, all of life is about relationships. In Jesus, God did not give us more rules. He gave us His Son. He gave Himself. When we talk about loving God and loving people, we are not talking about something nice and cute. We are discussing the reality and purpose of life. In the end, all that matters is God and people. In the church, you are part of a family. It matters to God how we treat one another. This is what Jesus means when He says mercy is more important than sacrifice. It is why He taught we are to forget about the offering until we make things right with our brother. All the law and all the commandments hang on those two things: Loving God and loving people.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- 1. This weekend was the last sermon in the Trinity series. What was the most impactful thing you learned throughout the series?
- 2. Think of a friend or family member who does not know Jesus. In a sentence or two, what is one thing you wish they understood?

SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your sermon notes from this weekend's teaching, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

Watch the Video

GROUP DISCUSSION

- 1. What do you need prayer for right now?
 - Take time to pray for each other.
- 2. The Christian life is all about learning to receive the love, mercy, and grace of Jesus into our lives and then giving it away to others.
 - Have you received this into your life? (Share what that journey has looked like for you.)
 - What would it look like for you to extend that kind of love, mercy, and grace to others?
- 3. A common phrase throughout scripture is "one another." Have each person in the group read aloud one of the following verses: <u>James 5:16</u>; <u>John 13:14</u>; <u>John 13:34</u>; <u>Romans 12:10</u>; <u>Romans 12:15-16</u>; <u>Romans 14:13</u>; <u>Romans 15:7</u>; <u>2 Corinthians 13:11</u>; <u>Colossians 3:13</u>; <u>Galatians 6:2</u>.
 - O What common themes stand out to you?
 - As the verses were being read, was there a person or situation that came to your mind? What was it? What do you sense the Holy Spirit prompting you to do now?

- 4. As a family of Jesus followers, we are called to serve one another.
 - We are all gifted differently and enjoy serving in different ways. In what way do you love to serve others?
 - o Do you find it more difficult to serve others or to allow others to serve you?
 - Have you ever been part of a volunteer team at Sun Valley? What was that experience like for you? If not, consider taking that step now: serve.sv.cc
 - What is one thing you can do this week to either serve others or allow them to serve you?

PRAYER

Pray for one another that we would come to understand the love, mercy, and grace of Jesus, and as we follow Him, He would equip us to give that away to others. Commit to praying for each other throughout the week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

 Single Parent Blessings- Would your group discuss getting involved in blessing a single parent? Watch this: <u>Single Parent Blessing</u>

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