

Sunday, December 13, 2020 - "Advent 2020 - Week 3: Love" - Brother Rob

Key Passages: 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:13, Romans 5:8

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- We have to keep it really simple - Love God. Love people
- Complete this sentence: I love _____
- Advent has a 2 fold meaning
 - Jesus' birth
 - His coming again
- 1 John 4:7-21
 - Our love is to be focused on God and on one another
 - We often think of love as something physical. The world can shape our way of thinking
 - We sometimes live in our fears (but love is different)
 - 23 times in the Gospels: Love one another
- Love requires 3 things
 - Love requires **DISCIPLINE**
 - The discipline of Jesus' mother Mary
 - To be in the situation she was in and still say "Lord, I am your servant. I will do what you ask"
 - Love requires **DYING**
 - Love reconciles relationships (before you give your gift reconcile with your brother or sister)
 - Who do we need to be reconciled to?
 - John 15:13: Not about being right all the time, not being the center of attention
 - Jesus dying on our behalf and calling us to do the same for others
 - Love requires **DEMONSTRATION**
 - Love needs to be acted out in deed and in truth
 - Even to those who we don't want to love
 - Who are we extending our love to
- Romans 5:8..Who do you need to love?

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. How has love required discipline, dying, and demonstration in your life?
2. How is God asking you to reconcile relationships right now?
3. What does to mea for you personally to love God? To love people?
4. Who is is this week you need to reach out and love? What do you think that could look like?
5. What has God been teaching you during this advent season?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Psalm 136 Tues: Psalm 137 Wed: Psalm 138 Thurs: Psalm 139 Fri: Psalm 140

Songs from the weekend: [O Come All Ye Faithful - *Hillsong Worship*] - [Joyful, Joyful We Adore You] - [Because of Who You Are - *Martha Munizzi*] - [Here I Am to Worship/The Call - *Tim Hughes*]