

Sunday, July 16, 2023 - "Hypocrite - Week 4 - What You Know Bout Love" - Kevin Dupree

Key Passages: 1 John 4:1-21, Jeremiah 29:13, Matthew 7:22-23

- 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

- Know
 - 2 breakdowns through the book of 1 John
 - Eido and Ginosko
 - But chapter 4 only uses one "know"
 - Not just about information
 - It's about intimacy (like a man "knows" his wife)
- We live in an information era → there was a process to get info, now we have access to all of it
- We don't have an information issue, we have an intimacy issue
 - We don't search with our whole heart
 - Jeremiah 29:13
 - What do our prayers sound like?
 - Petitions only?
 - What about sitting in His presence
 - Are we after God's heart or just his stuff?
- You can't operate in what you're called to without intimacy with God
- We can do "right" wrong
 - Matthew 7:22-23 (we want to be seen)
 - Doing right is rooted in intimacy
 - Self righteousness is toxic (Mark 2:17)
 - Wrap our truth in love → "Kingdom Burrito" = people should taste love before they taste truth
- God IS love (says this two times in the Bible)
 - He can't put it on or take it off
 - It is in His being...can't separate from it
 - It doesn't mean he affirms everything we do or sign off on all of our feelings/emotions
 - We can use "God is love" as a cover-up for willful sinning
- Context (1 John 4:7, 1 John 4:9-10)
 - To know God's love it to look at his son
 - Jesus is God's kingdom burrito for us
 - God's love makes you want relationship with him AND relationship with others

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

1. How do you pursue intimacy with God instead of just information about God?
2. What do your prayers say about your intimacy with the Lord?
3. When was a time you "did right wrong"? What did you learn about God and/or yourself?
4. What does it look like for you personally to wrap the truth in love?
5. What have you come to understand about God's love through his son Jesus?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this message or passage?

Songs from the weekend:

[Everlasting God - *William Murphy*] - [Only a Holy God - *City Alight*] - [There's No Other Name - *Bethel Music*] - [Waymaker - *Sinach*]