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RECAP

Throughout the next seven weeks we will be looking at our church's core values! As a church, we want to lean into and embody these values so that we can best represent Jesus to those around us.

ICEBREAKER QUESTION: What love story or celebrity couple is the most interesting, awful, or cringe worthy to you?

DISCUSS

KEY PASSAGE: Mark 12:28-33

MEMORY VERSE: Mark 12:29-31

1. Why do you think love stories, romance and relationships are so popular within our culture and media? When do you remember beginning to care about love and why?
2. What, if anything, is the difference between God's love and human love? How does our experience with one impact or change our experience with the other?
3. In what ways do believers fall into the trap of "short-term love?" God's love is described as both patient and longsuffering, how do we develop love that persists over time?
4. How does our church show God's love to others? How does your group show God's love to others? What part do you play in showing God's love to others at church and in this group?
5. Read through 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 and then assess how important displaying love is.

CLOSE

Our groups are getting ready to relaunch for the Fall Session! Over the next few weeks, we will be encouraging people in our church to sign up for a group! However, groups are not just for people in our church, they are for everyone! Do you have a neighbor, friend, or family member that you think would do well in your group; then invite them! This week, as you close, pray about who you would like to invite into this group! Remember that groups are healthiest when they have 15-20 members! One of the first signs of a group beginning to decline is when it becomes closed off to inviting others in!

We have a glaring need in the next few weeks! We are looking to relaunch our Sprouts program at church on Thursday Mornings. Sprouts is an extremely affordable program for kids ages 1-5. If you are able, interested or just curious about Sprouts, please email Chris at ceaotugh@fopc.org or Megan at mbrady@fopc.org. We need people who are willing to supervise and love kiddos in our community!





FAIR OAKS CHURCH VISION

Making **disciples** of **JESUS** in a healthy church family, so that everyone in Fair Oaks and beyond CAN **FLOURISH**.

MISSION WHY WE EXIST AND WHAT WE DO

We exist to "proclaim Jesus, teaching & encouraging everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present **EVERYONE FULLY MATURE in CHRIST**" (Colossians 1:28)

VALUES WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO US

SERVICE

We will humbly serve everyone with the mindset of Christ.
For Jesus did not come to be served but to serve others (Mark 10:45)

GENEROSITY

We will be irrationally generous with everything we have.
For God so loved the world, He gave! We will too! (John 3:16)

UNITY

We will be committed to oneness because we reflect Jesus best TOGETHER.
How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity. (Psalm 133:1)

TRANSFORMATION

We will live transformed lives as the Holy Spirit makes us more like Jesus.
We will not be conformed to this world but we will be transformed. (Romans 12:2)

REACH

We will always find a way to reach one more person for Christ.
For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost. (Luke 19:10)

JOY

We will choose joy and embrace fun because that is what life with God is like.
Always be joyful. This is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. (1 Thess 5:16 & 18)

LOVE ♥ LOVE ♥ LOVE

We will be known for loving God and what He loves most: people.
Let love be your highest goal. For us it is! (1 Corinthians 14:1)