

April 2nd, 2022

The Cost of Love

1 Samuel 15 NIV

1. What is one thing from this last weekend's sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?

2. Matt started his message with 1 Sameul 15:22 and how the Lord cares more about obedience than in sacrifice. Share your thoughts on this passage and how do we sometimes put sacrifices over obedience to God?

3. Often, we can get caught up in doing and we lose why we do what we do. Jesus gave his life out of obedience and love for the Father and it led him to not lose sight of why he was giving and who he was serving. In the examples below share what it looks like to serve out of obedience and love instead of just sacrifice.
 - a. Giving or serving to a cause.

 - b. Being a part of a faith community/church.

 - c. Caring or providing for your family or loved ones.

4. Digging Deeper: In this weekend's message, Matt shared about his past struggles and hurt that he felt because of the church. He then shared of how much he wanted to hurt himself or hurt others because of his feelings of being pushed out and isolated. Share of a time where you may have felt the same way and what occurred.

a. How did that impact your faith and your involvement with the church?

b. Share with the group how the Lord led you out of this hurt and how he may be leading you to put love and obedience first over causes and sacrifice.

c. How has this allowed for you to share the love of Jesus to others? To live out the "Great Commission"?

d. Is there anything you need to do as a result of what you've learned this week?