

Small Group Questions 07.10.16

Pastor Dale Oquist

Wired: God is love

1 John 4:8 - Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1. What radio stations do you have preset on your radio?

LOOKING BACK: Pastor Dale talked about His music selection this last week. In Observation of July 4, Pastor Dale decided to listen to nothing but Patriotic music. He talked about how it made him feel proud to be an American and probably the most Patriotic person in Our Country. He completely submerged Himself into the music and it changed his mind set to the point that started to resemble the lyrics being sung. His family probably even caught him marching around the house with a feather stuck in his hat!

Mark 12:28-31 - One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

2. Do you live a life that reflects the nature of God?

Reflecting Gods Love - We cannot LOVE and WORSHIP God, if we love and serve others.

Love God with ALL your HEART - The expression of our feelings and emotions. It is the heart that either accepts or rejects; We naturally worship God if We are worshiping with ALL of our HEART.

Love God with ALL your SOUL - Our soul is who We are when everything else is stripped away, Our true identity. Example: Job - Everything was stripped away and he relentlessly worshiped God.

Love God with ALL your MIND - Our mind is where we find cognitive reasoning. We test and challenge through a process of acquiring knowledge. It is important to challenge Our beliefs in order to grow.

Love God with ALL your STRENGTH - With every ounce of Our being. To push beyond our comfort and test Our vulnerabilities.

3. Which form of worship comes most natural to you, and which one do you feel you need to work on?

TAKING IT HOME: God wants Us to love Him as He loves Us!

Pastor Dale ended with a parable - A family would have weekly meetings. Each week the kids would praise the parents and thank them for the many blessings, the parents would in return praise to the kids. The rest of the week, the kids caused many issues and would bring disgrace to the family in their community. The kids would come back each week and have the same meeting, but the hurt became overwhelming to the parents because the praise was superficial. One day the father told his kids, I would rather you not praise me for an hour each week, but rather show the praise by living well through good actions that builds the family up.

Remember: Grizzly baseball - July 29 Get your tickets ahead of time for your entire group