

Loving People
Lesson #3

INTRO:

- God's love:
 - _____
 - _____
- There is _____ in love.
- We were _____ to love.
- Scripture repeatedly commands and reminds us: (Matthew 22:36-39)
 - Love _____
 - Love _____
- Because we can't give what we don't possess,
 - Love must be _____ → God
 - Before it can be _____ → Man

CORE PRINCIPLE: Caring is _____ and _____.

- Love as Jesus loved. (John 13:34)
- _____ ourselves with love. (Colossians 3:12)
- Love each other _____. (1 Peter 4:8)
- Agape love
 - Divine – Sacred
 - Sacrificial
 - Not _____
 - Not _____
 - Not _____ based
- A Biblical approach to caring demands that we:
 - Acknowledge God's _____ and _____.
 - Attune our hearts and minds to the _____.
 - Follow the prompting of the _____.
 - _____ and _____ one another up spiritually.
 - Find our _____, _____, and _____ in Christ.

CARE CONSIDERATIONS

- _____ and _____
 - Love must be _____ if it is to come alive.
 - Sharing the love of Christ with others requires:
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
- _____ not Transactional
 - Transactional → Doing
 - Transformational → _____
 - Love that is transformational is a _____ love.
 - Love that engages

- Being moved with compassion - an overwhelming gut or inner feeling that _____ within us.
 - It is a love that stems from the _____ care and concern we have for others.
 - Connecting with people is not just **saying** that we love people; it is actually _____.
- Be _____ -Oriented.
 - The human tendency to concentrate not on people but on their situations and struggles is a common _____ to care.
 - People want to be known and loved for _____ and _____ they are.
 - Instead of labeling people and carrying around scarlet letters, see people as someone desperate to experience genuine _____.
 (Isaiah 1:18; Matthew 26:28)
- _____ underlying concerns.
 - When we associate care with issues, we:
 - _____ our personal responsibility to love.
 - _____ caring to pastors, church leaders, folks with subject-matter experience & specialized training.
- Be _____.
- Relationships must be _____.
 - _____ needs to be established.
- Be _____ Caring.
 - Caring requires _____.
 - Loving others is an outpouring of our love for Christ.
 - Care is synonymous with:
 - being close & _____
 - Cheering, _____, fortifying
 - Coming alongside, _____, consoling
 - Imparting strength & _____
 - Demonstrating _____ & concern

KEY POINTS

- Caring is our _____
 - Love does not _____.
 - Unless we love God & Christ's love fills our hearts, we have neither:
 - The _____ nor the _____ to love people to the extent we are commanded.
- Caring puts God & others _____.
 - When loving God is central to our lives, caring for others becomes _____ & _____ expressions of our faith. (I John 4:8)
- Caring is _____.
 - Requires _____
 - Reflects the fruit of the Spirit
 - Is concerned with the _____ & _____