



Sermon 2 – Relationship with Others

Pastor Kevin

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MAIN SCRIPTURE: John 15:7-17 (NLT)

7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. 17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Opening Discussion

What thoughts, feelings, or impressions do you have about the sermon this week?

What is something that you bring to the table, something unique about you that Jesus could use to encourage and love others?

(Below you will find the main points of this week's sermon along with discussion questions. Feel free to use, reword, or omit questions depending on the needs of your group and the time needed for prayer, care, and fellowship. Thank you for your leadership.)

Thought #1 – The Chain of Love That Jesus Describes

Verses: John 15:7-17

The chain of love that Jesus describes is:

- The Father loves me!
- Therefore, I love you!
- Consequently, You love others.

How has the love of God helped you love others?

Has anyone ever demonstrated this to you? In other words, has any Believer modeled the work and ministry of "loving others" for you?

What type of life do you believe Jesus is calling us to in the chain of love? In other words, what are the many ways that our love for others should be demonstrated?

Thought #2 – What does this love look like?

Verses: John 15:7-17

In each of the verses below, how does God demonstrate His love for you? As a group, reflect on this: How do you feel about the Father loving you in this way?

John 3:16-17 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Romans 5:8

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

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But God put his love on the line for us by offering his Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to him.

Thought #3 – Investing in relationships is to be present with people!

Verses: John 15:7-17

Read John 15:9-10. What do you think it means to “remain” in God’s love?

John 15:9-10 “I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. remain in my love. When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.

Pastor Kevin explained what it means to linger, to stay with someone longer than necessary. When it comes to investing in relationship, why might it be necessary to remain in God’s love and then linger in the presence of others?

Closing Discussion

Give a practical suggestion for how you and your class members could invest in the lives of others.

Ask each group member how the group can be praying for them this week. Close in prayer.

Questions for Pastor Todd Keller or Julie Burch regarding your REMIX group?

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***Remember to record your attendance for the week. Thank you.

How can we pray for each other this week?
