

## **Live Christ**

**Series:** To Make Him Known (message 2) **Date:** February 7, 2021

James 2:18

**We exist to LOVE, LIVE and SHARE Christ TO MAKE HIM KNOWN wherever we go.**

**We are to live for Christ to make him known.**

**Live for Christ by loving the church.**

John 15:12–13

Galatians 6:10

Love the church by using your gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:4–7

*LIVE Keystone*

Love the church by using our treasures.

Matthew 6:19–21

1 John 3:17–18

*Giving Ladder*

Love the church by using your words.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Love the church through personally growing in your faith.

Ephesians 4:15–16

**We live for Christ by loving our neighbors.**

Mark 12:31

Luke 10:36–37

Love your neighbors by having intentional relationship.

Love your neighbors through hospitality.

*Celebrate Recovery*

Love your neighbors through meeting a need.

Matthew 10:8

Love your neighbors through making good things.

Acts 18:2–3

*LIVE keystone*

**Stay centered by starting simple.**

# sermon discussion

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Baptisms** – Sunday, February 28 during both services. Text BAPTISM to 951-382-5111 to sign up.

## RECAP THE SERMON

Spend a few minutes discussing the sermon from the weekend. Was there anything new that you learned, anything that confused you or anything that stood out?

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Share about a time when someone at our church did or said something that made you feel loved.
2. **Read Galatians 6:10.** Why do you think God wants us to show special love to our church family? What are ways that love can be expressed to others?
3. **Read Ephesians 4:15-16.** How do you think God has equipped you to build our church body up in love? (*If your group is having trouble sharing their own gifts, ask the group to share which gifts and strengths they see in other group members*)
4. Pastor Greg mentioned four primary ways to express love for our church: 1. Using our gifts to serve 2. Giving our earthly treasure 3. Encouraging people with our words, and 4. Personally growing in our faith to support each other. Which of those would you say most needs to be developed in your life? What would it look like for you to take a step to grow in that area over the coming weeks?
5. **Read Luke 10:25-32.** What are some common excuses that we use to justify merely talking about love instead of putting our love into action with our neighbors and coworkers? Of your eight closest neighbors, how well do you know them? Why do you think that is?
6. **Read Luke 10:30-35.** What kind of behavior should outsiders expect from people who call themselves Christians? If your neighbors or coworkers found out you were a Christian, what would their response be?
7. Spend a few minutes discussing as a group how you could love those who are near you then choose one way your group could put their love for others into action during the next month.

## GOING FURTHER

**Memorize Scripture:** *"If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead."* **James 2:15-17**

**Go through the LIVE Christ study (with your group or on your own):** None of us want to squander our lives, and yet many times we can struggle to know what God has entrusted to us or what difference he might want to make through us. In this class we'll help you identify and learn how to honor God in how you use your time, talents, influence, and resources. **Text LIVE to 951-382-5111** to sign up for the next Live Christ five week study or email [JustinR@obcc.church](mailto:JustinR@obcc.church) to get materials for your small group to do this study together.