

LIFE GROUP LESSON

Going the Distance in Relationships • Week of March 8

Read: Mark 6:30-34 and Ephesian 5:21-32

Further Study: I Corinthians 13:1-8

- What moves you most when you think of the attributes of God? What compels you to have a desire to follow Jesus? Discuss the highest quality in a person you admire the most. Why do you admire them? Why do you want to be around them?
- The Message Outline speaks of high commitment and Men "Rising UP" and fighting for their homes, families and marriages. How can men rise up and be stronger "servant leaders" in their homes?
- The outline quotes Dr. Harley William's book "Buyers Renters, and Freeloaders". How can we be "buyers" in our relationships following the example of Jesus?

Digging into the Bible

- In reading Mark 6:30-34 which attribute of Jesus, reflecting God's attributes stood out to you the most? Why do you think the disciples missed it? How do we take precautions in our relationship not to miss what Jesus had to offer the crowds?
- Notice later in Mark 6 how Jesus' most important attribute causes him to follow up with a plan of action. What does Jesus do for the crowd? Do you see the correlation of a miracle which is brought on by Jesus' primary attribute?
- How could this primary attribute of Jesus empower your relationships? Bring healing and greater intimacy and depth in your family, marriage and friendships?

Going Deeper & Action Steps

- Let's look further at the additional attributes of God: Embracing friction yet being free of sarcasm.
- High commitment. On a scale of 1 to 10 How committed are you to your spouse, children, friends?

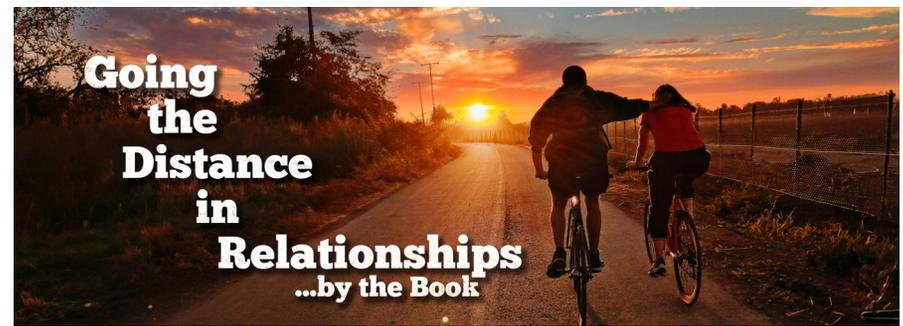
- Practicing forgiveness and letting go of a “list of wrongs” as I Corinthians 13 tells us. How can holding a list of wrongs be devastation over time to any relationship?

- Supernatural love comes from who? All other loves are incomplete. If we desire to love, to live into God’s divine design we must yield ourselves, ask for His unconditional love through Jesus Christ. This “agape” love will empower you to love when we don’t feel like it. LOVE IS A DECISION. You have free will—choose to love.

Prayer—Write out your prayer. Pray for the person you are going to ask this question, “ How can I love you better?” Now, pray for him or her first. Then ask them this question with pen in hand, and take notes ready to write down what they say. Commit to finding ways to love them through acts of compassion and love.

One Year Bible Reading

- Mar. 8: Numbers 10:1-11:23, Mark 14:1-2, Psalm 51:1-19, Proverbs 10:31-32
- Mar. 9: Numbers 11:24-13:33, Mark 14:22-52, Psalm 52:1-9, Proverbs 11:1-3
- Mar. 10: Numbers 14:1-15:16, Mark 14:53-72, Psalm 53:1-6, Proverbs 11:4
- Mar. 11: Numbers 15:17-16:40, Mark 15:1-47, Psalm 54:1-7, Proverbs 11:5-6
- Mar. 12: Numbers 16:41-18:32, Mark 16:1-20, Psalm 55:1-23, Proverbs 11:7
- Mar. 13: Numbers 19:1-20:29, Luke 1:1-25, Psalm 56:1-13, Proverbs 11:8
- Mar. 14: Numbers 21:1-22:20, Luke 1:26-56, Psalm 57:1-11, Proverbs 11:9-11



Text: Mark 6:30-34, 35-40

Power Point: You have never looked in the eyes of a person whom God does not value. Now if that’s the case, why don’t we practice compassion more often?

PLAIN TRUTH:

_____ is a passion for _____.

- A. Let’s practice _____.
- B. Let’s practice _____.

1. Let’s practice a high _____ in our relationships.
2. Practice _____ love.
3. Let’s practice _____.
4. Practice communication that welcomes _____, but is free of _____ and _____.

***Beginning today, Christ Church will start 3 days of Fasting & Prayer for our country. We will conclude this time with a special prayer service at both the Mt. View & Statesville Campuses at 6pm on Wednesday, March 11.**