

## **The Daniel Dilemma**

### **Part 4 - Love Well**

#### **Big Idea**

This week, Pastor Ryan concluded "The Daniel Dilemma" series by teaching us how to love well in today's culture. A key part of living like Jesus is loving those around us. Without love, nothing we say or do can have the long-term, positive impact we desire. So, how do we love those around us when our culture and beliefs look so different? First, we can serve people by showing them respect, listening to them, and meeting their needs. Secondly, we can set an example for them by living our life with integrity. And finally, when we have the opportunity, we can share Christ with them. When asked, we can share the story of how we came to know Jesus and why we decided to follow Him. As Christians we have a responsibility to love those who are far from faith in God, and it is through that love that we can share the hope of the cross with the people who need it most.

*The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.*

**Galatians 5:6**

#### **Discussion**

1. When we consider sharing the Gospel, we are often encouraged to begin with our circle of influence. Think of people you interact with on a regular basis. What are some practical ways you can love them? Share some ways you have been showing love to people in your life.
2. Now consider those around you who may have different views and opinions than you. What are some practical ways you can love them?
3. Sharing Christ is the last thing Pastor Ryan mentioned when teaching about loving others. Why do you think it is important to serve others and be an example before we share our testimony?

#### **Prayer Focus**

Thank God for His love today. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the strength to love others even when you struggle. Ask Him to renew your mind today, and to help you set your eyes on Jesus and not on the things of this world so that you can see people through His eyes.

#### **Next Steps**

Pastor Ryan recommended reading 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 every day. Share this with your group as a possible next step. Encourage members to choose one person in their sphere of influence and begin serving him or her in practical ways.

#### **Act On It**

Our next SERVE DAY is coming October 30, 2022. We highly encourage all Life Groups to find a need and fill it!

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