

Messy Faith – Developing a Culture of Love

Love in Action

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In the New Testament, love is more of a verb than a noun. It has more to do with acting than with feeling. The call to love is not so much a call to a certain state of feeling as it is to a quality of action.

- R.C. Sproul

Matthew 22:37-40 (NASB95)

37 And He said to him, " 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' 38 "This is the great and foremost commandment. 39 "The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' 40 "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

1) The _____ we have made of life.

Romans 1:24 (NASB95)

24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.

2) The _____ we have received.

Romans 5:1-5 (NASB95)

3) The _____ we are to give.

Romans Chapter 12 (NASB95)

A three-step process outlined in Romans Chapter 12

Step 1: Remember the _____ of God.

Step 2: _____ your mind daily.

Step 3: Make Christ the _____ of your life.

Life Group Questions:

- 1) Take a moment and discuss as a group the mercies of God in your life.
- 2) What does it look like to renew our mind daily? What daily disciplines help you with this?
- 3) Do you know what your Spiritual gift is? How do/did you discover it?
- 4) How do you use your Spiritual gifts to love one another and build the church community?
- 5) How do we honor others above ourselves? What does it look like to live at peace with everyone?

