

Series: FEBRUARY SPEAKERS

Message: Does Love Mean Approval?



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MESSAGE NOTES: *Does Love Mean Approval?*

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

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Connect (30min)

1. Blessings, Battles & Bio

- Share a *Blessing* and a *Battle* from your life this past week.
- What is one thing we don't know about you yet (Bio)?

2. Weekend Feedback

- Share your feedback & highlights from **PROJECT 3:15** on Saturday. How were encouraged and equipped?
- Share your initial feedback on Dr. Turek's message on Sunday morning. What encouraged & challenged you?

Message Discussion (35min)

1. Culture of Approval

"Our culture has accepted two huge lies. The first is that if you disagree with someone's lifestyle, you must fear or hate them. The second is that to love someone means you agree with everything they believe or do. Both are nonsense. You don't have to compromise convictions to be compassionate." – Rick Warren

- Current culture says, *"To love me you must approve of what I do."*
Is that true? Does love require approval? Why does the culture think that *love requires approval*?
- How is the Church partially responsible for this idea of love persisting in the culture?

2. What is Love?

- The Bible has much to say about *Love*. What do you learn about *Love* through these examples?
 Read [Mark 12:29-31](#), [1 Corinthians 13:4-7](#), [Colossians 3:1-17](#), [1 John 4:7-21](#).
- How did Jesus teach and demonstrate His love for us? Share some examples.
- What is the Biblical definition of Love? How would you describe or explain to others?

3. Judging Judging

- Have you ever said or heard this statement – *"You shouldn't judge"* – or some version of that?
- Is it always wrong to judge, and why? Explain
- What did Jesus say about *judging*?
 Read [Matthew 7:1-5](#), [Matthew 18:15-16](#), [John 7:24](#)
Literally everyone judges. We all make judgments about people every single day.
It would be illogical, and sometimes unsafe, to not judge.
*Saying *"Don't Judge"* is not Biblical. Why is this true?
*Saying *"Don't Judge"* is not Logical. Why is this true?
*Saying *"Don't Judge"* is not Loving. Why is this true?
- Read [Galatians 6:1-5](#). How does the Apostle Paul address *judgement* here?
How can you wisely and lovingly judge and correct someone who is sinning and/or is advocating sin?
Have you ever had someone judge/correct you this way? How did that experience impact you?

- > Visit www.crossexamined.org for more resources from Dr. Turek and his team.
- > Article: www.crossexamined.org/biblical-judgment-in-a-dont-judge-me-world

Prayer (25min)

*Break into groups of 3-4 people or men/women for sharing and prayer.

In response to the message and discussion, how can we pray for you and one other person today?

Share and pray through our *2024 Prayer Goals* as a group:

20 PRAYER GOALS

A PASSION TO PRAY. Personally, and corporately. That we would become a church OF prayer.

For at least 200 new people to **ATTEND** our Set Free and Empower Retreats.

A FRESH VISITATION of the Holy Spirit that results in a willingness to respond to all He gives us and calls us to.

That we **MAKE ROOM** for more people to experience wholeness in Christ.

March

+ *Discuss and confirm your Life Group plans for March – Dates, Location, Snack Duty, Communion, Group Social...*