

## A CALL TO LOVE

TODAY'S TEXT  [Romans 13:8-14, Luke 10:25-37](#)

 **NOTES:**

# Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: ROMANS: Best News Ever

Message: Part 21 – A Call To Love

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## Connect (30min)

### 1. THREE 3

\*Take a moment to consider your answers to the following questions and then share as a group.

- a. What are 3 Words that describe this past week for you?    1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What are 3 Things you're Thankful for today?                    1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. What are 3 Things that remind you how temporary this earthly life is?  
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### 2. P.R.A.Y.

*We know that the early church prayed back to God the very words that God had given them. What we are praying is the meaning of texts, not just words. – John Piper*

👁 Check out: [www.str.org/w/what-we-need-to-learn-about-prayer-from-the-early-church](http://www.str.org/w/what-we-need-to-learn-about-prayer-from-the-early-church)

📖 Read [Colossians 1:9-20](#). Have one person read this scripture for the group & use this as a guide for prayer.

🙏 Pray – Take 10min to P.R.A.Y. together. Leader – time & transition to each component.

-- Pause (be still & listen. 2min)

-- Rejoice & Reflect (praise & thanks. 2min.),

-- Ask (invite & request 4min.)

-- Yield (surrender & trust. 2min)

## Message Discussion (45min)

### 1. 2023 Prayer Goals: March - **BE BOLD IN TRUTH** 🗣️. Pick up a copy of this month's brochure at church.

*For myself, I long ago decided that I would rather know the truth than be happy in ignorance. If I can not have both truth and happiness, give me truth. We'll have a long time to be happy in heaven. — A.W. Tozer*


- a. 📖 Read [1 Corinthians 13:4-13](#). Why & how is TRUTH a key Biblical characteristic of LOVE ([13:6](#))?
- b. Would others describe our lives and church as people of truthful love and loving truth? Discuss

### 2. MESSAGE FEEDBACK: What did you learn from Sunday's message? What encouraged or challenged you?

### 3. FULFILLING LOVE ❤️

- a. 📖 Read [Romans 13:8-14](#). What do you learn about *life, love and the Lord* from this scripture?
- b. What does *our obligation to love one another* mean in v.8?
- c. How does *Love fulfill God's Law*?
- d. Why does Paul use the metaphors of *waking & sleeping* and *night & day* (vv.11-13)?
- e. What does Paul mean for us to be *clothed with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ* (v.14)?

#### 4. LOVE LIVED OUT


- a.  Read [Luke 10:25-37](#). What do you learn about *life, love and the Lord* from this scripture?
- b. Why is v.25 a great question to ask and discuss with people, and Jesus?
- c. Why do you think Jesus answered his question with a question in v.26?
- d. Why was the *religious leader* asking this question? What was he wrestling with and looking for?
- e. What do you learn from the parable of *The Good Samaritan*?
  - i. Why did Jesus choose these characters? Which character do you identify with the most? Who might be some current-day characters in our culture?
  - ii. Why did the first two men respond the way they did? Why was the *Good Samaritan* a surprise?
  - iii. How do you think this story impacted Jesus' audience in that day and culture?
  - iv. How should this story impact our lives and community today?
- b. Which would you learn toward naturally -- Love or Law?
- c. Have you ever been blessed and helped by a *Good Samaritan*? Briefly share
- d. Who would Jesus say are your "neighbors" today?  
What are some things that make it hard for you to love your neighbors?
- e. How could you begin to expand your compassion and love for the "neighbors" around you?

#### Prayer (15min)

*"The Christian says, 'Creatures are not born with desires unless satisfaction for those desires exists. A baby feels hunger: well, there is such a thing as food. A duckling wants to swim: well, there is such a thing as water. Men feel sexual desire: well, there is such a thing as sex. If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. If none of my earthly pleasures satisfy it, that does not prove that the universe is a fraud. Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing. If that is so, I must take care, on the one hand, never to despise, or to be unthankful for, these earthly blessings, and on the other, never to mistake them for the something else of which they are only a kind of copy, or echo, or mirage. I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not find till after death; I must never let it get snowed under or turned aside; I must make it the main object of life to press on to that country and to help others to do the same."*

— C.S. Lewis, [Mere Christianity](#)

- In response to our sharing and discussion
  - How can we **Pray** for you & one of the "neighbors" God wants to love through you?

 Plan to share in **Communion** together as a Life Group this month (or in April) 