

Love Our City

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Scriptures: Luke 4:18-19; Matthew 13:31-33

Bottom Line: Small acts of love require great intentionality

The church building is meant to connect people to the Kingdom, it's not meant to be a destination.

Since the beginning, God has been building a global family to join Him in the healing of the world.

We Love Our City

"Our city will know that Jesus is for them and not against them as WMBC is equipped and released to live out the Gospel."

To live out this value, we need a holistic view of the Gospel and evangelism.

A Holistic View of Evangelism (Luke 4:18-19)

- The gospel is more than a transaction, it's the manifestation of God's love
- When we focus on loving others, we put our faith in the work of the Holy Spirit and not our own words
- When we focus on loving others, it's easier to look past outward behaviour and not focus on relationship

We Solve Big Problems by Thinking Small (Matthew 13:31-33)

- The seeds of the Kingdom are small, organic, and reproducing
- Small intentional acts of love make a great impact

What Can You Do to Love Our City?

- Remember, small acts of love require great intentionality
- Start with a prayer and a person
- Begin with your actions, words come later
- To be listened to, start listening

LISTENING

Have someone in your group share something about their week. They could answer one or more of the following questions:

- What was a big challenge or problem you faced this week? How did you handle it?
- Where did you experience God this week? Or where do you wish you had experienced God this week?
- Based on your life experience this week, what do you think God is trying to teach you right now? What is He trying to build in you?

After the person shares, the group can respond. Make sure you let them know you heard them: tell them what you heard, offer wise advice where it's asked for, share from your own experience as well.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Review Sunday's message. What stood out to you? What challenged you? Are there any lingering questions?
2. Where are you drawn to love our city?
3. Pastor Terry discussed the tension that love and conversion aren't always the same. What do you think?
4. How do you share Jesus with Others?