



Focus

The Focus of Love

Sermon Recap

Conversation Starters:

- When Jesus told us to “love God” what specifically does that mean to you?
- When Jesus told us to “love others” how does this speak to you in detail?
- When life circumstances get in the way of you loving God and loving others, how does the Word of God empower you to overcome despite the circumstance?

Ask your group members to share their favorite points from the sermon, what stood out to them, a phrase or moment from the sermon they related to the most, or questions they have. If your members have a hard time remembering, share your notes and favorite points.

Reflect:

1.) Read [Proverbs 29:18](#) MSG and [Matthew 6:33](#) NIV - Pastor Jason identified a primary focus for us throughout our walk with Christ:

- I’m looking for “**God’s Dominion**” to be realized in this situation.

What are some life applications of this truth for followers of Christ?

2.) Read [Matthew 12:28](#) NIV - Pastor Jason identified two aspects relating to “**The King’s Domain**.”

- When we operate out of the “**Family**” we are out of the Kingdom. [Matthew 6:9-10](#) NIV
- The “foundational” value of the Kingdom of God is “**Love**.” [Luke 10:27](#) NIV

What does each aspect of “The Kings Domain” teach us?

3.) Pastor Jason provided the “Focus of Love.” Without love: 1.) All that I “**Say**” is ineffective - [1st Corinthians 13:1](#) NIV. 2.) All that I “**Know**” is incomplete - [1st Corinthians 13:2](#) NIV. 3.) All that I “**Believe**” is insufficient - [Galatians 5:6](#) NIV. 4.) All that I “**Give**” is insignificant - [1st Corinthians 13:3](#) NIV. 5.) All that I “**Accomplish**” is inadequate - [1st Corinthians 13:3](#) ESV.

Visit each of the five focuses and give specific reasons why each focus is true.



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Pastor Jason shared The Two Sides of Love: “Receive” the love of God. “Share” the love of God: [Ephesians 3:19](#) NLT and [1st John 4:19](#) NIV.

- How and why does each side of love compliment the other?
- Why is each side of love necessary for our love to be authentic and complete?

Apply It:

God is love. Children are taught morality by their parents. God is our Spiritual Father through Christ Jesus, His living Word. God teaches us the most important and primary function of morality. God teaches us to love. Authentic love comes from God and abounds in His Kingdom. We must choose His way over our way and choose to operate in love in all aspects of life. Outside His love, we're on our own. We're outside of God's Kingdom and outside of the power that's accessed and exercised only through Him. Identify the barriers where you have difficulty “receiving” God's love. Identify the barriers that prevent you from “sharing” God's love. Find out how God's Word orders your steps and choose to obey Him in spite of any discomfort or opposition you may face.

In every situation, **what does love require of you?** Know the answer. Be prepared to live it out in the middle of the storm and even when the waters are calm. Diminished love is an attack upon each of us and is outside of God's design for us. Don't fall to the attack, rise above it.

Prayer Requests and Closing Prayer:

Ask your group members if they have a prayer request. Write them down and continue to pray for them during the week.

Father, Your Word clearly teaches us the most important thing we can do is love You fully with all of our being. The second most important thing is for us to love others. Sometimes life, the enemy, or even we become barriers to Your love. In Your love means we've connected to Your presence. In Your love means we become empowered. In Your love means we become equipped. In Your love we see differently. In Your love we become strong. In Your love we need to abide each and every day. Examine our hearts Lord God. Show us where we must surrender so Your love can not only be received by us, but also be shared with others through us. Our walk is not about how much we do, it's about how much we authentically love, in Christ we pray, amen.