

Discussion Questions

February 20, 2022



Transformation of Living

1. How long can you be in an uncomfortable situation? Share a time you were uncomfortable for the sake of others, what was that experience like for you?
2. What are some of the differences between how the culture defines love and how the Bible defines love? What have you believed about love at different points in your life and what have been the influences on these beliefs?
3. How have you seen biblical love exemplified in your life? More specifically, has there been a time you have been the recipient of this type of love?
4. In what ways can you be following the example of Jesus in living a life of love towards others?
5. Review the Fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5, which do you need the Holy Spirit's help in living out in a manner that is loving to others and honoring to God? Which fruit is the most difficult for you in this season and which do you think you are most equipped in?

Weekly Challenge: Look for intentional ways to place the needs of others before your self. While doing so, remember the Fruit of the Spirit and seek to include each in your interactions with people throughout the week.

Weekly Prayer: Seek the Lord for full transformation in every area of your life. Confess the areas you try and hold onto and allow Him to change you to be more like Him.



2.20.22 Week Three: Transformation of Living

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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- The Bible on Love
- Living a Transformed Life
- Evidence of Life Change

The Bible on Love

- Love is central to the Christian life and a central theme in Scripture
- 1 John 4:7-21 - love is from God
- 1 Corinthians 13 - attributes of love
- Ephesians 5:1-2 - follow God's example

The Gospels on Love

- Matthew 5:43-48 - love and pray for all people
- Matthew 22:34-40 - love God and love others
- John 13:31-35 - we are known by how we love
- John 15:12-17 - Jesus commands a life of love

Living a Transformed Life

- Biblical love is different than worldly love
- Transformation of the Mind and Self has a ripple effect into loving others
- To be transformed is to allow God to impact every area and aspect of our lives
- Love is the foundation and motivation behind transformation
- We look to the example, teaching, and commands of Jesus to know how to love and live transformed

Evidence of Life Change (put up title, wait until fruit is introduced then all at once)

- Love -Joy -Peace -Patience -Kindness -Goodness -Faithfulness -Gentleness
- Self-Control

Action Steps to Love God and Others (one at a time)

- Embrace the love of Jesus
- Partner with the Holy Spirit
- Seek the will of God
- Look for ways to serve and love
- Keep love the main thing