

Love Is!

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1 Corinth 1:13 & 13:1-7, 2 Corinth 5:12, Matt 7:22-23, Hebrews 12:2

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Message Notes

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Heart Crew Homework

For the week of November 9 & 10, 2023

This is our final week of the Fall Semester.
Heart Crews will take a break and resume the week of Jan. 19th
We hope you have had a great semester!

*We have planned the Heart Crew Guide to provide time for a
potluck with your crew.*

MY STORY

1. Looking back at this semester, how has your Heart Crew experience encouraged, challenged, or helped you in your walk with Jesus and in connecting with other people?

2. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. This past weekend, Pastor Dan challenged us to evaluate our hearts to see if there is anything inhibiting our ability to love the way Jesus loves. Would you say there is anything in your heart that stands in the way of your ability to truly love like

Jesus? If so, what is it? Maybe pride, insecurity, your giftedness, etc?

2. As we think about our motivations for giving, serving and loving, let's look at an account in God's Word. Let's read Acts 4:32-5:11.
 - a. Now this is a crazy story, but don't panic. Let's look together at the situation we just read. We jump into this story not too long after Jesus was crucified and resurrected. His followers were learning to live without Jesus' physical presence and how to share the good news. They were sticking close together partly because the government was displeased with them. What do you see happening at the end of chapter 4?
 - b. As we move into chapter 5, what is the problem?
 - c. What did Ananias and Sapphira have to gain from giving to the community without thinking of themselves first?

3. Although we know not everyone dies on the spot for not presenting their gifts with pure hearts, this story is a good reminder of how important our motives are as we love others. Let's look at one other account in Mark 10:17-22.
 - a. What are all the good things the young man is doing?

 - b. What is the problem with what the young man is doing?

 - c. How does this relate to Dan's message from this past weekend?

TAKING IT HOME

Whether we are doing good things to earn the approval of man, or we are giving partial gifts with a selfish motive, we need to adjust our hearts. Our gifts, service and love should be simply for the good of others. This week, spend some time reading and rereading Psalm 139:1-12, and ask God to show you anything inhibiting your ability to love like Jesus.

We are so glad you joined us this Fall Semester and hope you will be back in January. During this break, check out one of our classes, "What's the Difference" and "Ephesians". You can find them on the Pure Heart Website under events.