



Series: Emotionally Healthy Discipleship

Sermon: Part 6: Love: The Measure of True Maturity

Date: Sunday, November 23rd, 2025

If we consider ourselves to be followers of Jesus, is our love for God reflected in our love for others?

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...Love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:30-31)

Following the greatest commandment means total obedience and total devotion, stemming from a complete surrender of one’s life to Him.

The real test of our love for God is demonstrated by how we love and treat those around us.

And God has given us this task of reconciling people to Him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And He gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making His appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!” For God made Christ, Who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:18-21)

Loving Others Well:

Dynamic 1: Enter into another’s _____

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and only Son, Who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

_____ : where God takes on human form

The way that we grew up, the family that we grew up in, plays a huge role in the way our relationships are today.

In The Family of God We Speak:

a. Respectfully

b. Honestly

c. Clearly

When using the phrase “I feel” we want to insert an emotion after saying: “I feel _____”

d. In a timely manner

Listening Incarnationally:



a. Give the speaker your full attention

_____ : where we aren't just listening to the words that a person is saying - but we are also paying attention to their non verbal communication

Listening well means loving well.

b. Step into the other person's shoes and feel what they are feeling

c. Avoid judging, assuming, or misinterpreting

When we are judgmental towards others, we turn our differences into a measure of our own moral superiority, creating endless opportunities to stereotype, assume the worst, and categorize others.

d. Reflect back as accurately as we can what we heard the person say

"So you are saying _____, is that correct?"

e. When the speaker is done speaking, ask: "Anything else you would like to share with me?"

f. Ask: "Based on all that you shared, what is the most important thing that you want for me to remember?"

Dynamic 2: _____ onto yourself

Dynamic 3: Living in the _____ **between two worlds**

Bottom Line: "By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:35)

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

1. *Am I open or closed to hearing and learning about the opinions of those whom I may disagree with?*
2. *Who is someone in your life that you may need to enter into their world in order to better understand and have a better relationship?*
3. *In the family of God we speak: a. Respectfully, b. Honestly, c. clearly, and d. In a timely manner. Which of these is most difficult for you to do? Why?*

Songs used in service: Firm Foundation [He Won't] (Cody Carnes), Behold The Lamb (Passion & Kristian Stanfill), The Jesus Way (Phil Wickham), Build My Life (Pat Barrett)

Any prayer requests?

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What can we be praying for you about?