

Lordship and Life is Love, October 10-13

WHY LEARNING COMMUNITIES? *Circle Two Opportunity...*

To become better and better disciples of Christ TOGETHER so we can face **anything** through...

1. Deeper learning of Biblical truth
2. Stronger “iron sharpening iron” relationships

Ephesians 4:12–16 (ESV)

Homework from September:

- Assignment #1: daily ask God to reveal where you are blind or deceived and cause you to see truth.
- Assignment #2: daily ask God to reveal **relationships** where not fighting for them using “truth in love” Eph 4:15
- CHALLENGE for New Song family - start doing the hard work of living and speaking the truth in love more and more in true humility as a primary way to wage spiritual war.

Topics to dig deeper into from Sept. 22 and Oct. 6: 1. Lordship and 2. Living Lives of True Love.

1. Lordship

† is at the CORE of life and following Christ – who pilots my life.

Luke 9:23 he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me

A. Pride and Control is playing games with Jesus

Luke 18:18–30 (ESV) (pew Bible page 877)

Mark 10:21 (ESV) ²¹And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”

➔ we still view Lordship and commands as optional when we do not obey

➔ trust is a big part of Lordship

➔ humility is required – my rightful place: God 1st, others 2nd, me 3rd.

Philippians 2:3-4 (ESV) ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

➔ we must assume we have pride and blind spots

➔ Earthly Realm Kingdom – pleasure, possessions, position

1 John 2:15–17 ¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

B. Humility and Lordship is living to win alongside Jesus

➔ self-denial, die daily, obey utterly is Heavenly Realm Kingdom Lordship

Matthew 16:24–28 (ESV) (pew Bible page 822)

➔ living with Jesus as commanding officer authority

➔ living by Jesus’ “rules” of radical following

Hebrews 11:6 (ESV) ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

C. Facing the stakes, cost and severity

➔ We have a profound ability to deny reality

Revelation 3:17–19 (ESV) ¹⁷For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. ¹⁹Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

Matthew 7:13-14, 21–23 (ESV) (pew Bible page 812)

➔ Repentance is the lifestyle of following Christ – constant turning to walk in step with Him requires humility and Jesus’ Lordship

Oct. 6 - When we commit to true Lordship of Christ through a lifestyle of repentance (constant turning to walk in step) we are able to move to living lives of true Christlike love

QUESTIONS:

➔ *Who is God assigning you to love?*

One indicator of the people God has assigned you to love is ANGST – the people you want to love the least b/c the dark powers see God's assignment and try to keep us away from those people

When loving people who create angst in us, we most often have to act AGAINST our feelings

We cannot start to obey Jesus to live lives of real love until we understand what it is and we are empowered by the Spirit

➔ Do we still love like pagans/ sinners/ Gentiles who do not claim to follow Jesus?

Matthew 5:43–48 (ESV) (pew Bible page 811)

Luke 6:32–38 (ESV) (pew Bible page 862)

➔ Is it possible we are still unclear on what real love is?

➔ Could it be we are deceived in believing we are obeying Jesus' commands to love?

† **The correct response to Jesus' commands to love:** _____

1 John 4:7–12 (ESV) (pew Bible page 1023)

1. God is Love and defines love.

1 John 4:8

2. Life is all about love.

Matthew 22:36–40 ³⁶“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

3. Jesus came to rescue back to RSU love.

1 John 4:9-10

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4. We only love through transformation, from USD to RSU.

1 John 4:11-12 ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

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It is not about trying harder but _____

Takeaways...