



THE GOSPEL OF

JOHN

John 15:9-26 - Love In A World That Hates You

MAIN THING

You are called to love a world that hates you

SCRIPTURE

John 15:9-26, Matthew 5:44

ICEBREAKER

When I was growing up, I always tried to emulate what my dad did. I always watched what he did down to the smallest detail, just so I could do things the way he did. We all have heroes, or people who we have wanted to be like. Name who those people are, and how they have shaped who you are.

OPENING THOUGHT

In this section of scripture, we are seeing how Jesus emulated His Father when it came to the topic of love. It is that same love that He wants us to emulate. How does that work? How do we love like Christ loved, like God loves? And how do we love those who hate us? Jesus was able to love the very people that were cursing His name and placing Him on a cross. To love like Christ is a major commitment, and it takes a lot of humility.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. When we talk about loving someone, what is the first thing that comes to your mind?
3. Jesus says, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you". Jesus' Love was dying on the cross so that we, once again, can have perfect fellowship with God. Are we showing that Love by sharing Christ with others? Why or Why not?
4. In the sermon, Rob talked about how the hardest part of becoming a Christian was realizing how many "Christians" surrounded him, yet none of them ever showed Love to him. He said he felt like those Christians didn't care if he went to hell or not. As Christians do we find it ok for someone to go to hell?
5. In John 15:18-26 Jesus explains that the world will hate you because you are a part of Him. Why do you think Jesus wanted them to know that?

LIFE APPLICATION

6. In this passage of Scripture it says it was written in the Law: "They hated me without a reason" How do you continue to show love to those who hate you without a reason?

CHALLENGE

Matthew 5:44 says, "But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you". What does God find so important in doing this? Several weeks ago, you were asked to write down the names of people that are the "Judases" in your life. Have you shown them love? If not, change that. Figure out ways that you can truly love the people that hate you and treat you the harshest.