

MONDAY 10.31.22 — John 13:35

³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.”

In the Greek language there are multiple words for our English word “love.” The highest form of love in the Greek language is agape love which is defined as selfless love. Agape love is love that is not seeking any reward or influence. It is pure unadulterated love. As followers of Christ, agape love comes from the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and a desire to please God. Christ says that agape love, both between believers and to the world at large, is the best way to show the world that we are His followers. Find someone you have no reason to love and love them anyway, not just in your heart but in your actions. If you do this today, I have a word of warning for you, be ready to share the hope you have within you because someone is likely to notice.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 11.1.22 — 1 Corinthians 1:10

It doesn’t take long to look around and realize that we live in a divided world. We disagree on social issues, political views, and even where to shop or where to eat. Some disagreements even come from within the church itself. Paul shows us that this lack of unity has existed since the first days of the church. He called on believers to find unity with one another in the work that Jesus had done for each of them. Today, if we could fully grasp the love that Jesus has for us *ALL*, and that He died for *EACH ONE OF US*, perhaps then we could begin to see others as our brothers and sisters in Christ instead of obstacles to our own personal preferences. Only then can we start to see our differences in a new way. When we see each other through God’s eyes, we see how foolish our problems with one another are and we can work together toward unity in our church, and our community. How can you handle your own conflicts and

issues knowing that those you disagree with are also children of God? How you answer this question can be the change!

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

WEDNESDAY 11.2.22 — Jeremiah 11-12

The Prophet Jeremiah was sent by God to the Southern Kingdom of Judah to pronounce God’s judgment upon them for breaking the covenant they had made with Him at Mount Sinai (Exodus 19). We know that it is possible for believers to sin, disobeying God’s commands. Considering this fact, what should you do as a child of God? Make three requests to the Lord. First, ask God to check you, examining your life. “Search me, O God ...” (Psalm 139:23-24). Ask Him to reveal any sin you’ve committed against Him. When He does, secondly, ask God to cleanse you, acknowledging your sin to Him. “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins ...” (1 John 1:9). Finally, ask God to change you. “Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me” (Psalm 51:10).

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THURSDAY 11.3.22 — Jonah 2:7

We may never find ourselves swallowed whole, living out our days within the belly of a great fish. But this life will engulf us and leave us feeling helpless at times. That said, prayer is one way we can feel empowered in any given situation. God is present and offers us an ear to listen and a shoulder to lean on. We need only to ask, and the Lord is with us.

From Psalm 8, a short prayer: Oh Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. When I look at all you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, *and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet (including the fish of the sea). We give thanks to you, in all things, with our whole heart. AMEN*

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FRIDAY 11.4.22 — Psalm25:1-7

WHOSE WITS? David’s enemies are opposed to his philosophy of life. His conviction was “that a man must live by the help of God, not by his wits,” a view of life his enemies despised as naive. David admits that without God, the life of integrity would be no match for the self-interested, treacherous power politics of the world (verse 3). Christian integrity means leading a life of purity and celibacy if you are not married and telling the truth even when it will harm your career—things the world sees as stupid. But in the end, it is the world that will be put to shame.

PRAYER: Lord, I want to live according to your Word—“your ways,” “your truth” (verses 4-5)—rather than by what will make me popular and powerful. Give me the desire and integrity to live like this. And because this will make me vulnerable, protect me from those who would take the opportunity to harm me. Amen.

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GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS — 9:40AM

- Kids** CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Kid's Wing on the Lower Level
available during the 9:40 service
- NURSERY (through Age 3)
LOCATION: Kid's Wing on the Lower Level
available during the 9:40 service
- Youth** YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
- Adults** Our final October Sunday Morning E2 Classes will all be focused on our special preaching series **REVIVAL: REKINDLING THE FIRE**
These classes will be held:
–9:40am in room B8-B10 with Randy Hutchison
–9:40am in room B11 with Jack Devlin
–11:00am in room B11 with Mike Williams
- Our November Sunday Morning E2 Classes will again all be focused on the same series.
THE ANSWER IS PRAYER will be offered at 9:40am and 11:00am in Rooms B8-10 and B11

SUNDAY EVENINGS — 6:00PM

- Kids** MESSIAH KIDS (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Kid's Wing on the Lower Level
CURRENT SERIES: Answers for Kids
- Youth** YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
5th–8th Grade meet downstairs
9th–12th Grade meet upstairs
- Adults** DIVE DEEPER WITH DOUG
LOCATION: Worship Center
CURRENT SERIES: Revival

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS — 6:30PM

REVIVAL STUDIES (Ending Nov 2)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
ADVENT STUDIES WILL BEGIN Nov 30

THURSDAY MORNINGS — 9AM-11AM

WOMEN'S STUDY (Resumes Nov 10)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)

TO SIGN UP OR REQUEST MORE INFORMATION FOR ANY GROUPS OR CLASSES, PLEASE USE THE CONNECT CARD IN YOUR BULLETIN. THANK YOU!

SERMON NOTES

SERIES: REVIVAL: Rekindling God's Fire
SERMON: "The Consuming Christ"
SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 12:25-29

Five encouragement passages appear in the Book of Hebrews. They all revolve around hearing and obeying God's Word. The passages are designed to motivate believers to be revived and to move forward in their growth in Christ.

Encouragement #1—Do not _____
from the Word (2:1-4)

Encouragement #2—Do not _____
the Word (3:7-4:13)

Encouragement #3—Do not be _____
toward the Word (5:11-6:20)

Encouragement #4—Do not _____
the Word (10:26-39)

Encouragement #5—Do not _____
the Word (12:25-29)

- Exodus 19:16-18
- Haggai 2:6
- 2 Peter 3:10-13
- Revelation 21:1-5

Based on the fact that you'll one day live forever with Christ in an unshakable kingdom, what does God want you to do now?

Application:

➤ _____ God (v 28a)

➤ _____ God (v 28b)

Our God is a consuming fire ~ Hebrews 12:29


Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



October 31st — November 4th

INTRODUCTION:

Part of our purpose and strategy as a church is to Edify and Equip () every believer. We desire to see every person take their next step with God, both individually as well as with families and small groups (E2 Communities). This devotional is to aid us in just that. We invite you to join us in daily devotion.

OVERVIEW:

Monday's and Tuesday's readings will be a follow up on Sunday's message from Senior Teaching Pastor, Doug Lyon. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us for the Bible & Missions Conference with Dr. Charlie Dyer Nov 6, 7 and 8.

KEY/MEMORY VERSE:

"FOR THIS REASON, I REMIND YOU TO FAN INTO FLAME THE GIFT OF GOD, WHICH IS IN YOU THROUGH THE LAYING OF MY HANDS."

—2 TIMOTHY 1:6