



Our Heart – His Gospel

September 4th and 5th, 2021

ICEBREAKER

Briefly...describe how you came to faith in Jesus Christ.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- Looking at your sermon notes in your Engage and Grow Journal or remembering what was shared in the message, what stands out to you the most from the weekend's message?
- Have you ever presented the Gospel to someone? If so, what was your experience?
- What's the first Scripture verse comes to your mind when you think of the Gospel Message?

DIGGING DEEPER

Our **LOVE** for God and our **OBEDIENCE** to God

- **Psalm 37:5** says *"Commit your way to the Lord..."*
- **Read Matthew 22:37-39**
 - What would it look like in your life, to fully "Commit your way to the Lord," and to fully obey Jesus' command in **Matthew 22**?
 - Would you need to change some things, remove some things, alter some schedules in your life in order to follow this command? If so, what would they be?
 - **Martin Luther** says "Do not regard this (commandment) as a joke"
 - What are some of the ways that Christians can be guilty of regarding this commandment as a joke?
- **Read John 15:9-17, John 14:23(a), John 14:21**
 - What does Jesus say we will "Do" if we "Love Him" and if we are His "Friend?"
 - These verses, together with **Matthew 22**, show us what Jesus expects from us if we love Him.
 - Have you ever considered that your "Obedience" to all of what Jesus has commanded in the Bible, is an outpouring of your "Love" for Jesus?

“Love Your Neighbor as Yourself.”

- **Read Matthew 14:14, Matthew 15:32-39, Matthew 20:34**
 - What do these Scriptures say Jesus did, with the “Compassion” that He had on the people?
 - What’s the difference between feeling “Sorry” for someone and having “Compassion” on them?
- When we “Love our neighbors...” we will have “Compassion” on them just like Jesus did, and that compassion will lead to “Action.”
 - That love and compassion can manifest itself in helping our “Neighbors” with “Physical” needs.
 - What are some different ways that we can love and show compassion to our “Neighbor” in meeting “Physical” needs?
 - **Read Ephesians 2:1-10, Colossians 2:13-14**
 - According to the Apostle Paul, what is the “Condition” of a person who is not a follower of Jesus?
 - According to these 2 passages, what happens to a person, when they receive Jesus as Savior and Lord?
 - **Read John 3:3 and John 3:7** – What does Jesus say “Must” happen?
 - Therefore...what is the greatest need of everyone who has ever lived? Is it a “Physical” need or a “Spiritual” Need? **Read John 6:25-40**
- What is the *greatest* way that you can love and show compassion to your unsaved neighbor, co-worker, family member, friend?
- **The greatest way we can be obedient to the “Second Greatest Commandment” set forth by Jesus in Matthew 22 (which is to “Love our neighbors as ourselves,”) is to tell those who are not saved, the complete Gospel message.**

The Gospel

- What, if anything, holds you back from sharing the Gospel with those you know, who are not saved?
- Now that we see that our *obedience* to the Lord, our *love* for the Lord and our *love for our “Neighbors”* should compel us to share the Gospel with everyone in our lives who are not saved, how might that effect the way you approach evangelism?

MOVING FORWARD

1 Peter 3:15 tells us to “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.”

- Do you feel prepared to “Give an answer” - to share the Gospel with people?
 - **Hope will be offering a 1-day seminar on Saturday September 25th**, that we hope will equip you to “Be prepared,” and to feel confident sharing the Gospel with those who are not saved.

PRAYER