

LOVE DOES

“Love Finds”

Pastor Tyler Scott // September 16 & 17, 2017

INTRODUCTION

Our **LOVE DOES** series will inspire you to action, fueled by the good news that God usually works through ordinary people like us to get things done.

1 John 3:18 states, “Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.” In other words: LOVE DOES. Love doesn’t just talk the talk...love walks the walk. Love finds. Love brings. Love serves. Love gives. Love will REACH one, and then REACH for one more. Love is the hands and feet of faith.

Our 2nd annual **SERVE DAY** on the weekend of **October 8th** will help bring the LOVE DOES series to life.

SERVE DAY is what happens when the church leaves the building. In lieu of worship services at CPC that weekend, our goal is to see 1500+ CPCers “be the church” by serving together in the Bay Area. We are thrilled to be partnering 25 deserving and devoted organizations for Serve Day. These Christian and secular non-profits are already doing great work in our communities, and are made up of some of CPC’s most trusted partners and friends. You can serve with your family, your Life Group, your team from school or work, or individually. Sign up online: www.cpcdanville.org/serveday

WARMING UP

1. Read **1 John 3:18**. Share about a time when you met someone who was “all hat, no cattle,” so to speak. In other words, they looked the part/talked the talk, but didn’t walk the walk. How did you (or others) feel about this person?

TALK IT OVER

1. Read **John 1:40-50**. The main idea of this “Love FINDS” message was “Found people find people.” When is the last time you lost, searched for, and found something (or someone) valuable to you?
2. One point in the message was “We search for what we value.” Describe your relationship with your neighbors at home, school and work. Do you feel like you really know, them, value them or love them?
3. Philip invited Nathanael to “Come and see!” When we love something—like the latest movie in the theaters or a great new restaurant—we tend to tell everyone about it. So why do we, as Christians, tend to shy away from telling others about Christ when it’s the best thing that could ever happen to them?

4. Do you remember the invitation that led to you coming to church, a youth group, a church event, etc. for the first time? Was it a “come and see” invitation, or something else? Share the story of what happened, and what followed.
5. **Read 1 Peter 3:15.** We don’t have to be brilliant or eloquent to talk to others about Christ. God simply tells us to go, and promises he’ll go with us, giving us the words we need. How prepared are you to share your story? If someone were to ask you the reason for the hope that you have, what would your response be?
6. This week’s message encouraged us to “leverage proximity and paying attention.” When you think about someone you could invite to church, who comes to mind right away? (*In other words, “who’s your Nathanael?”) God might have put that person in your life for a reason. How could a relationship with Christ potentially change that person?
7. Which of the following “cues” –which often show that someone may be open to an invitation to come to church or engage in a spiritual conversation- have you noticed as you have paid attention to others?
 - a. “I’m not doing well...”
 - b. “I’m not prepared for...”
 - c. “I’m not from here...”

COMMIT TO MEMORY

“For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.” **Luke 19:10**

PRAY ABOUT IT

Share prayer requests. Pray for one another to invite and/or bring your “Nathanael” to church. Pray for God to help every person in your group, and every person at CPC, to REACH ONE! Pray that God will help us to love, and search for, and find people who are far from Him.