

LOVE DOES

“Love Gives”

Pastor Tyler Scott // September 30 & October 1, 2017

INTRODUCTION

Our **LOVE DOES** series is based on 1 John 3:18: “Dear children, let us not love with just words or speech, but with actions and in truth.” In this week’s discussion of the “Love Gives” message, we plumb the depths of the most well known verse in the bible: **John 3:16**.

WARMING UP

1. What is the craziest thing you have ever done for love?
2. What is one of the craziest things someone has done FOR YOU to show their love?

TALK IT OVER

1. **Read John 13:34-35.**
 - a. HOW are we called to love one another in v34?
2. The big idea from this week’s message was “You can give without loving, but you can’t love without giving.”
 - a. How can someone give without loving? Share an example.
 - b. Why is it impossible to love without giving? Share an example.
3. **Read John 3:16.** This verse is at the heart of the gospel message. This is an example of what LOVE DOES and how Love GIVES. God loved. God gave. We believe. We receive.
 - a. Why do you think this simple gospel message can be offensive to people?
 - b. When did you first hear this message, and how did you respond?
 - c. Why is it so easy to “move past” this message in our lives?
 - d. Who is one person you know who would benefit from hearing this message, and why?

4. In **John 3:16** we see that God loves us by giving in multiple ways: unconditionally, generously, and intentionally.
- a. **Read Romans 5:8.** How does this verse show that Jesus is an unconditional giver?
 - i. Share an example of when someone gave you a “conditional” gift, (aka a gift with “strings attached”).
 - ii. Share an example of when someone gave you an “unconditional” gift (aka a gift with “no strings attached.”)
 - iii. What is one way you could give to someone unconditionally this week?
 - b. **Read Philippians 2:6-8.** How does this passage show that Jesus is a generous giver?
 - i. Why do you think being generous is important?
 - ii. Share an example of generous giving in real life.
 - c. **Read 1 Peter 2:24.** How does this verse show that Jesus is an intentional giver?
 - i. Think about the people, situations and stories around you on a daily basis. What needs come to your mind? What are some practical examples of how you can LOVE by giving intentionally? (i.e. the need for hospitality, building relationships, forgiveness, encouragement, financial needs, etc.)
 - ii. What is one way you can meet someone’s need around you by giving intentionally in the next week?
5. Tyler gave four benefits to giving near the end of the message (listed below). Which of these resonates with you the most right now, and WHY?
- a. You will become less selfish.
 - b. You will deepen your relationships.
 - c. Your faith will grow.
 - d. We will REACH more people.

CHALLENGE

SIGN UP as a family or group for SERVE DAY, and make plans to serve at one of our 25 projects on October 7/8. (To sign up: www.cpcdanville.org/serveday)

COMMIT TO MEMORY

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”
John 13:34

PRAY ABOUT IT

Share prayer requests. Pray for practical opportunities to GIVE unconditionally, generously and intentionally in the coming weeks.

Also, pray for CPC and our community as SERVE DAY approaches. Pray that our community and the greater Bay Area would feel LOVED by God through CPC.