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Love One Another Deeply

Love others deeply now that you've been reborn through God's Word and are growing up in Him

1. God's Word reveals how you're loved so that you can love _____

1 Peter 1:22

Agape love is like God's love that is selfless, giving and overtly expressed so that the recipient is highly _____ that they are being loved as their needs are being met

How you're going to demonstrate agape love today:

The Word of God _____ life . . .

2. God's Word can give you new life because it's _____ & enduring

1 Peter 1:23-25

The Bible is God's Story given to transform you and to be the authority in your life

The Word of God has life and _____ life . . .

3. God's Word helps us _____ and know what to avoid

1 Peter 2:1-3

There's a role that you have in the _____, the way that you walk now that you've been reborn into God's family

James 1:25

God's Word has life, gives life and _____ life

Now What?

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Home Group Notes
Week of April 19, 2020
"A People Prepared"
1 Peter 1:22-2:3



Home Groups are "meeting" throughout the area to encourage and strengthen one another. They share what is happening in their lives, discuss God's words, and pray together. If you are interested in connecting in a group, see our website under "Home Groups" and click on "Join a Home Group Here."

SHARE

What were your early impressions of being around people who follow Jesus?

LEARN FROM THE WORD

As you begin to the study for this week, it might be helpful to see the overview below.* In our passage this week, Peter continues to teach what he learned from Jesus about our new way of life. Since we have been "born into a living hope," since we "love" Jesus and are committed to be holy and live with reverence for and faith in God, how are we to live within the family of God?

Before we dive to this week's passage, how has Peter described 'who we are' in chapter one?

Read 1 Peter 1:22-2:3. What is the lead command of this passage? How does this align with who we are in Jesus?

From what we learned in the Sunday message, what is the difference between the two kinds of love in verse 22? (You can hear the message on our website.)

What do we learn about the Word of God in this passage?

How is the Word of God connected with our call to "love one another deeply?"

What is the command concerning the Word of God? (2:2) What is the result?

From the directive in this passage (2:2) and the Sunday message, what is essential if we're going to "grow up?" Discuss the difference between "appreciation" and "looking intently into" –James 1:25.

DISCUSSION TOGETHER

What examples or stories from Scripture reveal Jesus' deep love for us? (Please be specific.) How are Jesus' actions examples of agape love?

What kinds of actions toward one another express what it means to "love one another deeply?"

Since the Bible is the Word of God, then it is God speaking to us. What other 'voices' are we hearing? How do these other voices affect us? What should we then do?

What helps you "look intently" into the Word of God? How has God's Word given you nourishment to know, love, and follow Jesus?

PRAY TOGETHER

- Pray for our medical and front line people
- Pray for our students, especially those graduating
- Pray for our global workers
- Pray for our many people who are ill or infirmed

May His grace and peace be yours,
Steve Springsted

*An overview of what we have studied thus far (1:1-21)

Peter was writing to people he called "aliens" because though they lived in Asia Minor, their permanent home was with Jesus Christ in heaven. God's master plan is to rescue people from the pain and penalty of sin and create a people who know and love Him and one another. He made forgiveness possible through the work of Jesus and the Spirit. Jesus' death and resurrection make possible the eternal destiny of heaven with Jesus for those who trust in Him. (1-2)

All those who put faith in Jesus Christ are blessed in many ways! (3-12)

- They are born again to a living hope through Jesus Christ's resurrection.
- They are promised an inheritance, a salvation, which is imperishable and reserved in heaven, guarded by God's power through faith.
- They have great joy even in the trials of this life, knowing that their faith in and love for Jesus obtains the salvation of their souls.
- They know they are following what God has revealed in the past and that the gospel they heard was revealed by the Holy Spirit. (1:10-12)

Therefore, in light of who we are through Christ and the Holy Spirit, we need to live as His children, being like the God who called and blessed us. Peter described the life that should result from salvation. This means ...

- Our thinking and actions should be fixed on the grace coming with Jesus (13)
- We must abandon past ways and be holy in our behavior (set apart and consecrated to Him) (14-16)
- We are to live in reverential fear of God, knowing He will judge our conduct, for we were redeemed from our empty ways by the precious blood of Christ who rose from the dead. Your hope and faith are in God (1:17-21)