



Week 6 - Love Compels Us to Purpose

INTRODUCTION

Love can compel us to do all kinds of extraordinary things. It can compel us to make fools out of ourselves to get attention from the one we love. It can compel us to leave everything and everyone else behind in pursuit of what we love. It can compel us to attempt the impossible in hopes of securing our love. But God's love compels us into what He loves. And God loves people.

Those of us who have received the power of God's love displayed on the cross of Jesus Christ and have learned enough of Him to accurately love ourselves in a healthy fashion, will be compelled in the freedom found in healthy boundaries to love others unconditionally. When others experience unconditional love from others, they will see the good deeds and glorify the Father. Salvation occurs and the continuum of love replicates.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever wondered what the meaning or purpose of your life really is?
2. When you look at your schedule, your budget, and your actions what do they say is the most important thing to you in your life?
3. Jon talked about how our actions reflect what it is we believe is the purpose for our existence. What do your actions say about what you believe your life is truly all about?
4. Read Isaiah 43:7. What does your Creator say is the reason He created you? How does the Creator's purpose for your life and what your actions declare is the purpose for your life, line up?
5. When you think of God's glory, what are some of the attributes you attribute to Him? Are any of these attributes being lived out in and through your life? Give some examples where you have seen your life reflect God's glory.
6. Read John 15:1-17. What does Jesus say brings God glory? How does "love" factor into bringing God glory?

MOVING FORWARD

If you believe your Creator when He states that the purpose of your life is to glorify Him, and bearing much fruit is what brings Him glory; then it means you will submit to Christ's command to love. By loving God more completely, we learn to love ourselves more correctly, which empowers us to love others unconditionally. When we do this, God says it reflects His glory and our life's purpose is fulfilled.

What step will you take today?

A step towards "Loving God more completely"

- Making Him first in everything.
- He must be the preeminent... We may need to make some schedule changes and some budget changes that reflect God's glory as being the purpose of our existence

A step towards "Loving yourself more correctly"

- Submitting to accountability that forcefully directs you to properly take care of yourself spiritually, emotionally, and physically
- Are you a part of a strategic service team, small groups, or a one to one mentoring at Crosspointe?

A step towards "loving other's more unconditionally"

- Is there anyone who needs a loving amends from you today?
- Could your schedule reflect more time of service to others for the cause of Jesus Christ?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made. – Isaiah 43:7 (TNIV)