

SACRIFICIAL LOVE (AGAPE)

1 John 3:11-18, 1 John 4:7-12 // February 28, 2021

THE MESSAGE FROM THE BEGINNING

1 John 3.11 / 1 John 2.7-9/ Philippians 1:6

For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another- 1 John 3.11

A primary issue is the presence of false teachers. In 1 John, they appear to have started in the church and gone out. These teachers were denying that Jesus was God in the flesh and that Jesus' death atoned for sins

We are to be marked by love

EVIL OF CAIN VS. LOVE OF CHRIST

John makes several contrasting comparisons in his letters. He uses life and death, light and dark, love and hate. And here, we see the pictures of dark, hate and death culminating in the murder of Abel by Cain.

1 John 3:12 / 1 John 3:15 / Ephesians 2:5 / Romans 5:1

We were at war with God when we lived in the flesh, but now peace with God and war against the flesh because of His rich mercy.

LAY DOWN YOUR LIFE

Philippians 2.3-7 / Ephesians 5.22-27 / Ephesians 5.1-2

What causes quarrel and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. – James 4.1-2

What are you known for?

But here we see the Commander of every army in heaven and earth, Jesus, lay down his authority and rights of being the Creator, to love us through His death.

–Matthew 26.52-54

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Romans 5:18

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshiping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **1 John 3.11-18** and **1 John 4.7-12**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

Read **Philippians 2.3-7** and **Matthew 26.52-54**. What Gospel truths do you need to preach to yourself from these sections of scripture. How does the love of Christ refresh you and move you to follow Him?

Your Life Mission

What relationships or conversations are upcoming that you could use prayer for?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself**
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess**
 - Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision**
 - Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving**
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



**MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.**



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