



Guidelines: sermon curriculum is designed to help facilitate small group conversation towards application of sermon. You may or may not get through all questions during your small group time.

Sermon Discussion

1. Read Luke 8:16-21 and review the **main points** of the sermon.

- a. Your Church Family is the only family that will last forever.
- b. Your Church Family is made up of Sinners who are called Saints but their sin can show up in some painful ways.
- c. What does being a forever family look like this side of heaven
 - i. He calls us to love each other deeply (Rom 12:9-10)
 - ii. He calls us to rejoice and mourn with each other (Rom 12:15)
 - iii. He calls us to forgive each other (Col 3:12-14)
 - iv. He calls us to speak the truth in love (Eph 4:15; 1 Pet 4:8)

2. Reflect and Ruminare:

- a. Which one do you identify with being called more: “sinner” or “saint”? Explain.
- b. In what ways does your sin show up in “shocking and surprising” ways, esp., to those closest to you?
- c. Are you prone to speak truth first of cover offenses (Eph 4:15 & 1 Pet 4:8)?



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3. Renew Thoughts & Replace Actions:

- a. Biblical love is a risk worth taking and is a call to be vulnerable. It hurts and is hard to do esp., when we are wounded. What are some things you do to help remind yourself “real love sacrifices and gives without expecting in return?” (John 13:34-35)

4. Request:

- a. “Love cannot survive without forgiveness” ore there are no lifelong relationships without forgiveness. **Does anyone have** a hurt that they’re holding on to that needs to be forgiven or does anyone need to go to someone and ask for forgiveness?
- b. How can the group encourage and pray for you as you work through these things?

5. Remember the Gospel:

- a. In order to be able to keep loving, risking, rejoicing, weeping and forgiving, you have remind yourself that God loves & cherishes you dearly first. How can you remind yourself that you are first loved by God so that you can freely love others?

Prayer Emphasis:

- Praise & Prayer: take time to “rejoice with those who rejoice or to weep with those who weep” in your group (Rom 12:15)