

ONE STORY | ONE MISSION - Love Calls us to Live

Small Group Discussion Guide // April 29, 2018

1. **Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that challenged, intrigued, surprised, bothered, confused, or was new to you?**
2. We love because we are loved - Read John 15:9-12
Scott talks about how God demonstrated His love for us in the life and death of Jesus. In John's gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples to keep His commands and remain in His love so that their joy can be complete.
When you have the complete joy of Jesus in your life, how does it change your relationship with God? How does it change your relationship with your family? How does it change your relationship with fellow believers? How does it change your relationship with nonbelievers?
3. We give because we love - Read Romans 9-18
In these verses Paul clearly defines what it means to love another deeply and sincerely, providing us a working model.
Do you think the world would define love in this way? How do you feel the model of love you witnessed growing up affect your responses today? Have you ever found yourself loving others selfishly and not selflessly (sincerely)? While most of the things listed in the passage deal with attitudes of the heart, what real action(s) are listed that can actually redirect the focus of our hearts?
4. What we give is Love, manifested in words and actions - Read Matthew 25:31-40
On Sunday, Scott reminded us that we have a scriptural call to give. Not so our bank accounts will be overflowing, but because this is how the love of Christ is shown in the world.
As you read this passage, on what basis are people divided into sheep and goats? What six actions does he mention? For whom are those actions done? In your life, who are "the least of these?" How do these good works that Jesus talks about fit in with salvation by faith? See James 2:14-19.
5. One of our core values is Radical Generosity, which says: we hold nothing back. Jesus gave His life for me so I will give until it changes my life for Him.
Is this value true in your life? Do you find yourself giving until it hurts or makes you uncomfortable? How might God be calling you to share his love in a radically generous way?