



Sermon Notes: "Serving in Love"

1 John 4:7-12

8.17.25

The Key Principle: People see love through actions

1. Good intentions, Poor executions:

Are we trying to be right or are we trying to love people well?

Jesus heals on the Sabbath – Mark 3:1-6

2. Judgement rather than Grace

Woman caught in Adultery – John 8:2-11

3. Jesus spoke with love, not condemnation

Jesus spoke with love to those who were lost.

Jesus saved his harshest words for those that were being hypocritical

So What?

BLESS Framework:

- **B - Begin with Prayer**
- **L - Listen with Care**
- **E - Eat Together**
- **S - Serve in Love (*This week*)**
- **S - Share Your Story**

**"People don't care how much you know until they know
how much you care"**

-Teddy Roosevelt

For Study, Reflection, Discussion:

1. Review the sermon notes from Sunday. Was there a particular point that stuck with you? *What* was it and *why* did it resonate with you?

READ: 1 John 4:7-12

2. In the sermon, the key principle is: People see love through actions. When is a time you have felt love through actions with someone?
3. In Mark 3:1-6 we see how the Pharisees were trying to trap Jesus yet again, and they were more concerned with being right than with the man who had the shriveled hand. Is there a time in your life where someone has sought to be right rather than to show love?
4. Woman caught in Adultery – John 8:2-11. This story shows many different angles of hypocrisy with the Pharisees. We don't see the man involved. We don't know how the Pharisees knew she was doing this. What did they do since made themselves unclean by touching her, and others. We don't know what Jesus wrote in the sand, but it had to be enough to stop these men dead in their words and accusations. What do you think Jesus wrote in the sand?
5. Jesus shows us that we are to speak with love to those who are lost. When is a time someone spoke to you in love and helped you become who you are today? Why is it so important to meet people where they are before speaking to them about Christ?

Specific Action Step:

This week: This week, Serve ONE person. Something you can do and that God has blessed you with. This can be a meal, a project, and job, moving, or serving. We need to love people well in service so that they see 1 John 4:7-12 in our lives first.

Don't Forget:

- Aug 31st -- Church at the Lake, 10:30 am, Lakeside Picnic Area
- September 7th: Life Groups and Sunday School Launching!! Sign up at the Welcome Desk

Prayer:

Lord Jesus,
Forgive us for the times we've prioritized being right rather than being loving. Help us show grace and wisdom rather than judgement when we are faced with sin on the part of others. Give us the strength to love others and not condemn them. Show us who You want us to serve in love this week - not to change them, but to show *Your love*, through us, in service. In Your name, Amen.