



Life on Mission
Part 5 -10 Powerful Descriptions of a Church on Mission for God
"A Loving Family for Jesus"
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Scripture Reading – Mark 3:35; John 1:12

To receive Christ means...

1. You become a child of God. (John 1:12)
2. The Father loves you as His child. (I John 3:1)
3. The Father wants us to love one another as brothers. (I John 4:21)

When we live on mission as a family the world responds!

1. They see our love for one another. (John 13:34-35)
2. They see our sacrifice for one another. (I John 3:16-18)
3. They see our joy for one another. (Acts 15:3)
4. They see our support for one another. (Acts 15:23, 25, 32, 40; 16:5)

Application:

1. Have you become part of God's family? Don't delay! Trust in Christ and receive Him as your Lord and Savior. Enter His family by faith.
2. When we live on mission, we do it as a family. Of the four descriptions which of the four do you think you need to work on this week?
3. Think of someone to encourage this week. Is there someone in the family that needs to know that they are loved? How can you practically show support to them in their ministry?



Bible Study Questions/ Discussion

Main Thought of the Study – If we are living on mission for the Lord we will do it in cooperation with other Christ-followers. The more the world sees the way we love one another the more they will be drawn to Christ.

Introduction Discussion – Share some of your best Valentine’s Day dates. (Or share some disasters; or share some ideas of what you would like in a Valentine date.) Share your love language and how that it impacts your idea of Valentine’s Day. (5 love languages – words, time, touch, gifts, Acts of service)

Reflections from the Message

1. When we receive Christ we become God’s children, members of His family. (John 1:12) We are His children in two ways – by adoption (John 1:12) and by new birth. (John 3:3) Which description do you have the greatest connection to? Why? Share with one another what it means to you to be in God’s family. How does this truth change the way you relate to God?
2. Evidence that we are truly in God’s family is seen in the way we love one another. (I John 3:14) Share key ingredients that you would see in a healthy family – one that loves each other well. What things do you see in a dysfunctional family?
3. Living on mission becomes very powerful when we are clearly loving one another. (John 13:34-35) Describe how the love of Christ is different than the love the people see in the world. (2 Timothy 3:1-4)
4. The love of Jesus is always “sacrifice” love. (Romans 5:8; I John 3:16) Sometimes sacrificial love is laying your life down and sometimes it is the small giving of yourself to meet a need. (I John 3:17-18) Share with one another some small everyday examples of the sacrificial love of Jesus. Think of something to do this week as a group to show the love of Christ.
5. Families that are healthy and loving have the joy of the Lord. (Acts 15:3) Share examples of ministries and relationships that you have been a part of that have brought you joy. What brings joy in your life?
6. In the early church people came to Christ when the church was unified and supporting one another. (Acts 16:5; 15:25, 32) As a group, think of someone that you can encourage. (Missionary, pastor, ministry leader, someone in crisis) Write some notes of encouragement or bring them a meal or dessert.

Application:

1. Set up some accountability to the ideas shared to make sure that they get done.
2. Discuss as a group how you can better encourage one another as brothers and sisters.
3. Have some fun together. Plan a game night or go somewhere for yogurt or a movie.