



Sunday, October 10, 2021
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SERMON-BASED CURRICULUM

LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY

As we partnered with God this past week to _____, what did He do? How did He work in and through us?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR 1 PETER 1:22-2:3

Read v. 22 The first “love” you see is Phileo. The second, Agape.

Phileo – a close bond of mutual affection/friendship love. This is a natural love that is based on mutual affection. For instance, a natural love that comes from liking the same things, have similar interests, we play the same sports, we like the same music.

After that is Agape, a divine, sacrificial love. It can be defined as a cost to me for the good of you. Agape love is not based on pleasant emotions or good feelings but is unconditional.

1. Think back to the definition of Phileo. Why is Phileo love easier for us than Agape love?
2. Would you say that our Connect Group/Student Ministry is defined by Phileo love or Agape? Could you work on loving those here who aren't naturally your friends or those who you don't share mutual affection with?
3. How can we cultivate agape love leading to Phileo love for one another?

Answer: As we consider the gospel on our own, it leads us to love like Christ who has loved us even when we were sinners. Read and consider Philipians 2:2.

4. Read 1 Peter 1:24-25. To what is the flesh compared? What does that mean? What is the good news of verse 25?
5. Read 1 Peter 2:1. These are vices that defile a heart, and we put off.
 - Malice – Harboring evil thoughts toward another person.
 - Deceit – A deliberate attempt to mislead, trick, or bait someone.
 - Hypocrisy – Deliberately faking or pretending you have qualities or beliefs you don't have.
 - Envy – not only wanting what someone has but resenting that person for having it.
 - Slander - to defame or speak down the reputation of those of whom we are jealous.



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6. In contrast, what is the opposite of each vice listed above that we should put on?
7. Read 1 Peter 2:2. Most of us know to read our Bible, some of us simply don't know how to read our Bible. What are some helpful ways to structure our Bible reading time? Discuss the pros and cons of using a devotional versus reading the Bible for yourself.
8. Look at 1 Peter 2:2. What is the goal of longing for the Word of God?
9. What are we unwilling to sacrifice in order to make time for God's Word?
10. God is powerful enough to give you the longing/desire that He commands you to have. Read it again. How does this truth give us hope for Bible reading?

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Prayer: Close your time by turning to and praying Psalm 119:5,18,34,131 for one another.