

West Towne Circles Discussion Guide

5 Things We Love

(March 8th - April 5th 2020)



Things
we
LOVE

baptism giving prayer communion teaching

Week Three: We Love Prayer

Overview

Over the next few weeks, our teaching team wanted to spend some time talking about the things we love. These five things (baptism, giving, prayer, communion, and teaching) aren't the only things we love, but they are five of the main things you'll see during a typical Sunday service with us. Have you ever wondered: "Why do we do that every week?" Hopefully this series will clear up that question for you, and help you come to love these five things, too.

This week, we focused on prayer, particularly in light of the current coronavirus outbreak that has changed much of our daily routines over the last two weeks. We discussed the potential to invest deeply in prayer during this season of "forced withdrawal," and also noted how Jesus responded to chaos with both compassion and prayer.

We know that we're in the midst of a crazy time. Our prayer for you and your group is that you will stay healthy, stay strong in your faith, and allow God to form you during this time. Let's be the church, be voices of hope, and point to Jesus regardless of the circumstances around us!

As you begin this session, spend some time in prayer for all those who have been affected by the COVID-19 virus.

Reading and Discussion

1. Spend some time checking in on your group. Ask for specific ways that you can be in prayer for one another during this time.
2. Read: Luke 5:12-16. Upon first reading, what about this text sticks out to you? What do you notice about Jesus' behavior?
3. Even though many of us are stuck at home for the time being, we can still display compassion to those around us. What are some ways that you can demonstrate compassion and love during this time? Especially to those who are vulnerable. Share some ideas with one another.
4. How do you typically approach prayer? Do you struggle with it, or is it something that comes easily for you? Share some practices and habits that have helped you in your journey with prayer, if you feel comfortable.
5. Healthy prayer habits usually come from setting apart intentional time for prayer. Spend some time determining what part of your day can work for an intentional time of prayer, share it with the group, and then encourage one another to commit to that time. Pray that God would give each person in your group strength in prayer, and that you all would grow closer to him through these intentional times.