

WORSHIP GUIDE – SUNDAY AUGUST 15TH – 10:15AM

Gospel-reflecting love

Welcome: *[Pastor Steve]*

- James 2:1-7 Calls us to impartially love one another. This passage also exposes ways in which our thoughts and interactions toward others can fail to reflect the gospel. James reminds us that believers are called to love others impartially in a Christ-like, gospel-reflecting manner.
- This morning we will remember the Gospel's call to love others and Christ's perfect example of impartial love.

Scripture Reading: James 2:1-7

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REMEMBER THE GOSPEL'S CALL TO LOVE

Congregational Call to Worship: O How Good it Is

Oh how good it is when the family of God
Dwell together in spirit, in love and unity;
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
Are the fruits of his presence here among us.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
And with one heart we'll live out his word
Til the whole world sees the Redeemer has come,
For he dwells in the presence of his people.*

Oh how good it is on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,
When we offer the blessing of belonging.

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Oh how good it is to embrace his command
To prefer one another, forgive as he forgives.
When we live as one we all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

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REMEMBER JESUS' EXAMPLE OF LOVE

Scripture reading of Jesus' example of impartial love John 4:7-30 [Pastor Steve]

⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again.^[b] The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." ²⁷ Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" ²⁸ So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" ³⁰ They went out of the town and were coming to him.

Congregational Song: Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy
That calls me as I am;
For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me, "Come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus
My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus
His family is my own
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams,
Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor
The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus
See the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus
The path before the crown
We follow in His footsteps
Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
To be His perfect bride;
Beneath the cross of Jesus
We will gladly live our lives.

Congregational Song: Open Our Eyes Lord

Open our eyes, Lord
We want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him,
And say that we love Him.
Open our ears Lord,
And help us to listen.
Open our eyes Lord.
We want to see Jesus.

Open our minds, Lord,
And help us to know you,
To walk in your Spirit,
And humbly obey you.
Give us your wisdom,
Your power and blessing.
Open our minds, Lord.
We want to know Jesus.

Open our hearts, Lord,
To those who are dying,

To see all around us
The needs that are crying.
Give us compassion
And love for each other.
Open our hearts, Lord,
And make us like Jesus.

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Children 3-K5 dismissed to Junior Church

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Congregational Song of Response: More and More Like You

Lord, change my heart from deep within
Oh purify me once again
Renew my mind to love your truth
Make me more and more like You

*More and more like You
More and more like You
Do whatever you must do
To make me more and more like You*

Lord, cause my will to choose Your ways
In each temptation that I face
Until your glory's shining through
Make me more and more like You

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Closing Announcements: [*Pastor Steve*]

Wednesday, August 18th from 7:00-8:00pm – Continue In-Home Fellowships & Evangelism Class

Sunday, August 22nd

- 9:00am – Sunday School
- 10:15am – AM Worship Service
- PM - Organic Fellowships