

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Series: It's What We Do

Sermon: Love Persists

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OVERVIEW

Series Summary: Love is not just a feeling. Real love involves action—it takes grit and is often messy. It's what we do to care for the people around us, which ripples out into our communities, and even across the globe. *It's What We Do* is an exciting, month-long initiative, discovering what it means to live from a place of radical love. Starting Easter weekend and for the next 35 days, we'll engage inspiring weekend messages, daily challenges, and simple spiritual practices to help us experience God's radical love and put it into action. In this series, *It's What We Do*, we want to come out on the other side with a fresh perspective on how love can be what you do every day.

Main Insight: Always pray. Never give up pursuing Jesus Christ.

Memory Verse: 1 John 4:4

Key Scriptures:

- *Luke 18:1-8* – God Is a Better Judge
- *2 Peter 3:8-9* – God Is Patient
- *1 John 4:4* – Christ Has Overcome the World
- *Matthew 25:23* – Well Done Good and Faithful Servant
- *2 Corinthians 4:16-18* – Do Not Lose Heart
- *Romans 12:1-2* – Living Sacrifices, Transformed by God
- *Hebrews 12:1-3* – Run with Endurance

GROUP DISCUSSION

ALWAYS PRAY, NEVER GIVE UP

- **What does it take for you to neglect a discipline or quit something?**
 - Why do we as human beings have a tendency to give up and drift away?
 - What is the difference being “doing something” versus “becoming someone”?
- **Read Luke 18:1-8. How can we draw comfort and courage from this passage?**
 - How do we know God is for us not against us?
 - How have you been discouraged in prayer?
 - Discuss this: “Be careful not to mistake the Lord’s patience for His absence and apathy.”

When Christ returns, there will be those who listened but never acted, who were inspired but never transformed habits. There will also be those who loved like He loved, served like He served, lived like He lived. God’s timing is different from our timing. Don’t be anxious—God will keep his promises.

PURSUING A “WELL DONE”

- **What about the Christian life seems radical, but is normal to following Jesus?**
 - Why are we called to live counter-cultural? How should we live differently?
 - Discuss this: “The Church only lines up with the culture when it compromises truth.”
- **Read 2 Cor 4:16-18; Rom12:1-2; & Heb 12:1-3. What motivates our service for Christ?**
 - Why shouldn’t we be concerned about doing more for Jesus”? (Jesus isn’t asking for more work, He is asking for a deeper love)
 - How should we be challenged to receive a “well done” and not just sit in a pew?
 - What rewards do we chase after other than Christ?
- **How did the spiritual habits from the *What We Do Challenge* grow & challenge you?** (reading Scripture, prayer, engaging the lost, serving, fasting, resting, etc.)

The Bible isn’t just inspirational, it is perfect truth. Serving isn’t just a fun group activity, it is a purposeful habit. Giving isn’t just when extra is available, it is a joyful sacrifice. To really change, we have to value a reward that isn’t always immediate, but eternal—and that reward is Christ.

Landing Point: Always pray. Never give up pursuing Jesus Christ. Live for the “well done, good and faithful servant.”



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