

Viewpoint Church

Community Group Outline

Your Community Group: A place to Love, Grow, and Serve.

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Sermon Title: We Are Made To Love

Today's subject is love. Love is the basis and foundation of everything we do. Everything that God tells us to do is built on love. Everything he asks us NOT to do is based on love.

If we would talk more about the love that we have for one another and talk about why we are actually afraid to show love, this would open us up to be vulnerable with each other and would lead to healthier relationships.

Four Premises Regarding God's Love

1. God's greatest attribute is love. God abounds with love. Roger gives multiple scriptures that describe the abounding love of God! God wants you to understand the kind of love that He has for us. Not only does God love, but God IS love. God is love in its purest form. It will take our breath away when we see Jesus! Why? Because we will feel and see PURE love for the first time. If God's love is abounding and we are to love the way He loves, then we must ask ourselves – is our love abounding?

>**QUESTION:** Would you say your love for others is abounding? What would it look like to have an abounding love?

2. The greatest mark of our identity must be as THE BELOVED. This is THE most important mark of who we are to see ourselves as. How we see ourselves, is how we act. If we don't have the right identity - we are going to act out of that incorrect identity. In the New Testament, John even calls himself the one that Jesus loved. Are we so bold as to say this? We are adopted by God. We are not

just adopted but we are beloved AND adopted. This is an UNCONDITIONAL identity to us. Every other identity is an illusion!

>**FIRST QUESTION:** What do you think it means to have “The Beloved” as your highest identity”?

>**SECOND QUESTION:** Is your top identity in life “The Beloved”? If not, what do you think it would take to accept that identity?

3. The Great Commandment is love. Love God, love others. Relationships are all based on love. We are all created by God, we are all sacred people. When dealing with people in relationships, we often miss this sacredness. We forget that we are dealing with the sacred! We are each beloved by God! This is important to remember in relationships.

>**FIRST QUESTION:** Is your top priority in life love? If not, what do you think would need to change to make that your highest priority?

>**SECOND QUESTION:** How would seeing others as sacred impact how you treated them relationally?

4. We are commissioned to go out (with the Holy Spirit) and do something.

This is foundational and is built on love. The commission and the commandment are both built on love. Together, we must go out and LOVE.

Six Applications

1. **That we would see ourselves as the apple of God’s eye.** That there is no greater love than the love God has for us.
2. **Our love needs to be abounding.** If we are made in the image of God - we must abound too! How should we look? People should recognize us by our love! Can this be difficult? You bet ya. But, we can all abound in love in our own ways.
3. **Our priority in relationships MUST BE to love.** Not what I can get from you or how can you help me? But how we can LOVE that person.
4. **Our love must show security.** When we become a believer, we have a secure relationship with Him. He will never leave us and he will never forsake us. It is the most secure relationship we have! Do we give secure love?
5. **We must learn how to show love in relationships.** We must learn from our mistakes. They don’t always come natural! We all have different love languages too!

6. Our church needs to be marked by love. People choose churches for different reasons. But the number one reason we should choose a church is because it is where we are called to love and to be loved. Take the challenge to be a lover at church. This is why it is so important to be physically in church. Because it is where we give and receive love!

>**QUESTION:** What application stands out to you the most and why?

The next few weeks we will take a look at the problems we face with love. For example, boundaries, pain of our own and brokenness.

Please end your time by praying for one another. That we would feel God's abounding love for us and that we would grow in greater understanding of our secure identity in Christ!