

Viewpoint Church

Community Group Outline

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

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Sermon Date: April 1, 2018

Sermon Title: No Greater Love - EASTER!!!

Roger...

There is no greater love! It is universal that we all need to be loved. The love of God is the only love that can actually fill us, this is how God made us. It is a spiritual, emotional and even a physiological need! This need never ceases. Fact - Jesus went the distance to show us no greater love!

Three reasons love was given to us and what Easter reminds us of:

1. Forgiveness. None of us are perfect, we all have this in common. Only perfection will get us into heaven. So, God has given us a provision - forgiveness! When we are forgiven we literally become blameless in His sight. He actually sees us as perfect! Out of love, God gives us forgiveness so that we will have eternal life with Him. Easter reminds us that we are forgiven.

QUESTION 1: Believe + Repent = Forgiveness = Salvation. Just like that. Do you struggle with the idea of receiving unconditional forgiveness?

QUESTION 2: Easter also reminds us that to be like Jesus, we must also forgive. We were made to forgive AND be forgiven. Lewis Smedes once said, "When you refuse to forgive, you are giving the person who walloped you once the privilege of hurting you all over again - but in your memory." Has this been your experience with forgiveness? Why or why not?

2. Purpose. We all are born with a purpose. We all have specific purposes but we were all created with a purpose to love others. God does want us to be happy, but being happy is not our purpose. If happiness is our god, it will leave us empty! Our purpose is to love. Our purpose is to love God and love our neighbors. Our purpose in life is to become like Jesus, and Jesus loved with no greater love.

QUESTION : Go around the room and fill in the blanks out loud.

- 1. If I am truly loving my co-workers and or I would change the way _____.**
- 2. If I am truly loving my next door neighbor I might _____.**
- 3. If I am truly loving my (fill in blank with either: parents, children, spouse or best friend) I would _____ more often.**
- 4. If I am truly loving someone who I struggle to get along with I would do _____ rather than _____.**
- 5. If I am truly loving Jesus I would take more time to _____.**

3. Promise. We were all born and we will all die. Easter reminds us of our eternity. Easter reminds us of the promise of perfect salvation. It is natural for us to want to know where we go when we pass. Easter reminds us that our eternity is secure and promised to us! God does not want us to be afraid of death. We will all rejoice in heaven together for eternity!

QUESTION 1: How does God's promise of salvation affect our contentment?

QUESTION 2: How can we use this contentment to bless others?

Becky...

Becky fired us up and shared her testimony! If you have not heard Becky preach and share her testimony you will want to do so! It will fire you up. You can watch the action at this link (share with friends and family if you would like!): <https://www.facebook.com/ViewpointChurch/videos/1006543342842791/>

Conclusion. Becky uses and encourages us to use the prayer model of P.A.R.T. (praise, admit, request, thank) everyday. As a group, pray through this P.A.R.T model out loud. Leaders, open in prayer and begin with a time of praise. Not

everyone must share, only those who feel lead. Next, move into admit, then prayer requests and lastly end on thanks!

We love our CG groups!

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