

March 20 – 26, 2010
LOVE REACHING THE WORLD

In this lesson you will learn how to love reaching the world and why some people don't.

- I. How to love reaching the world.
 - A. 2 Corinthians 5:14 -15 – “For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.”
 - B. Romans 5:5 – “...The love of God has been poured out in our heart....”
 - C. If we're going to reach this world for Jesus, we'll have to allow the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with His love.
 - D. The Holy Spirit has been given to flow through us to others.
 - E. Love is not just words – it is an action, attitude, and motive of the heart.

- II. Who do we reach out to with the love of Jesus?
 - A. Galatians 5:14 – “For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ Your neighbor is anyone you come in contact with. It is everybody.
 - B. Luke 10:30-37 – Story of the Good Samaritan. He had compassion for the man who had been abused. We need to reach out to all kinds of people.

- III. Some of the reasons people don't reach out to others.
 - A. Fear – 1 John 4:17-19, Philippians 1:9-10.
 - B. Feeling we don't have enough time.
 - C. Not wanting to become responsible for someone.
 - D. Feeling inadequate or your past is so bad.
 - E. Being self-focused. This will lead to emptiness and self-destruction. True fulfillment will never come through self-gratification.

- IV. Ministry to Jesus - Matthew 25:32-40.
 - A. Matthew 25:40 - “Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.” Jesus said when you have ministered to others, it is the same as ministering to Him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share how the love of Christ has compelled you to reach out to others.
- Who are some of the neighbors in your life that you are reaching with His love?
- Are you dealing with some of the reasons people don't reach out to others?

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

This week begin to broaden your love walk and begin to reach out to all the people you come in contact with.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 – “For the love of Christ compels us...that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.”