

40 Days of LOVE Small Groups

Taking part in a small group is really the best way to experience the 40 Days of Love. Groups are a way to put some of what we are learning into practice. If you are not already part of a small group, this is a great way to try one out. It is only a six week commitment. If you are interested in joining one of the following groups, please call the leader. If you know people (inside or outside of the church) who are not in a group and want to host a new group, please contact Pastor Travis ASAP (207-384-7132).

Day / Time	Location	Leader / Contact	Phone Number
Sunday, 9:00 am	Church (Youth)	Misty Lowe	207-698-4844
Sunday, 6:00 pm	Church	Terry Blaisdell	207-384-2528
Monday, 5:30 pm	Adair's	Travis Glatter	207-384-7132
Monday, 7:00 pm	Pike's	Marcia Pike	207-384-2511
Tuesday, 11:00 pm	Church	Marcia Pike	207-384-2511
Thursday, 7:00	Lowe's	Andy & Misty Lowe	207-698-4844
Saturday*, 6:30	Church (Men)	Travis Glatter	207-384-7132
Saturday*, 8:30	Various (Women)	Lynn Cooke	207-384-8152

*Starting October 10th

40 Days of Love, Week 1
 "Nothing Is More Important Than Relationships"

How do we know, "**nothing is more important than relationships**" is a true statement?

God's Words

"The most important (commandment)," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." -Mark 12:28-31

God's Actions

Creation

So God created man in his own image, -Gen. 1:27

"It is not good for the man to be alone. -Gen. 2:18

Incarnation

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. -John 1:14

As I have loved you, so you must love one another. -John 13:34

Indwelling

I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever...he lives with you and will be in you. -John 14:16-17

let us love one another, for love comes from God. -1 John 4:1

Eternity

In my Father's house are many rooms; ... I am going there to prepare a place for you. -John 14:2

Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. -Revelation 21:3

We show relationships are most important to us when we give our time and attention.

Examples from the life of Jesus (Time & Attention)

- o Time with His Father -Luke 5:15-16
Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.
- o Woman at the well -John 4:1-43
- o Jairus's daughter & woman -Mark 5:22-43
- o Paralytic & friends -Luke 5:17-26
- o Children -Mark 10:13-16
- o Blind beggar -Luke 18:35-43
- o Feeding five thousand -Mark 6:30-44

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. -Ephesians 5:1-2

This Week's Homework

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Overall Schedule

	Sunday Service	Small Groups Youth SS	Daily Reading	Key Verse
Sun., Oct. 4	Preparation Sunday: Kickoff sermon, commitment cards, "Relationship Principles of Jesus" book available, Small Group sign up (6 week commitment)			
Sun., Oct. 11 – Sat., Oct. 17	Week 1	Week 1	Ch. 1-7	"Let love be your highest goal." 1 Cor. 14:1 (NLT)
Sun., Oct. 18 - Sat., Oct. 24	Week 2	Week 2	Ch. 8-14	"Love is patient, love is kind." 1 Cor. 13:4 (NIV)
Sun., Oct. 25 - Sat., Oct. 31	Week 3	Week 3	Ch. 15-21	"Love...rejoices with the truth." 1 Cor. 13:6 (NIV)
Sun., Nov. 1 - Sat., Nov. 7	Week 4	Week 4	Ch. 22-28	"Love doesn't keep a record of wrongs that others do." 1 Cor. 13:5 (CEV)
Sun., Nov. 8 - Sat., Nov. 14	Week 5	Week 5	Ch. 29-35	"Love isn't selfish." 1 Cor. 13:5 (CEV)
Sun., Nov. 15 - Sat., Nov. 21	Week 6	Week 6	Ch. 36-40	"[Love] always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." 1 Cor. 13:7 (NIV)
Sun., Nov. 22	Celebration Sunday			