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Famous Last Words – Here is Your Mother Sermon Discussion Questions - March 21, 2021

Scripture Passages:

John 19:26-27 When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 13:35 “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

1 John 4 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son in to the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us...

Warm Up:

Pastor Matt began his message by talking about yearbooks! What memories do you have of your yearbooks? Yearbook day? Yearbook pictures? What you wrote in other peoples yearbooks or what they wrote in yours?

Discussion:

1) In this message, Pastor Matt talks about Jesus' last words to his mother Mary and his friend John.

What are some things you might want to say to your own mother or best friend at the end of your life? What are some things you hope your loved ones have when you are gone?

2) Read John 19:26-27.

What might this passage communicate about Jesus' character and priorities? What might it communicate about Jesus' love? Why might Jesus' have said this?

Excerpt from Pastor Matt:

Jesus was busy taking care of His mom's need for eternal life. But, He was also concerned with her immediate life.

How have you experienced Jesus taking care of your immediate life? What might it look like to help people with their immediate life? How might helping people with their immediate life be a reflection of Jesus' love on the cross?

In his message, Pastor Matt says John calls himself "the disciple whom Jesus loved" because of his understanding of Jesus' love for us.

What comes to your mind when you hear the phrase the one "whom Jesus loved?" Is it difficult for you to consider yourself one whom Jesus loved? If so, why? What might it look like to accept it as an anchoring point of our identity, like John?

In his message, Pastor Matt connected the idea of understanding our identity as people Jesus' loves and our ability to love others.

How does our understanding of God's love impact the way we love those around us?

Pastor Matt also posed the question "do the most important people in your life know that they matter to you, and that you care about their problems (big and small)?" If this question is hard to answer, what steps can you take to begin to show them or be more intentional in showing them? How might your understanding of God's love play a role in your response to this question?

Pastor Matt described some of the reasons we struggle to love those closest to us:

Those closest to us can hurt us the most.

We take for granted the people closest to us—assuming they will always be there.

We don't feel like we're loved enough to pass it on.

We're busy.

Which of these reasons do you relate to most?

In his message, Pastor Matt described three things we can do to love the people closest to us:

1. You must accept that you are “the one Jesus loves.”
2. You must really see the person right in front of you.
3. You must jump into God’s family with both feet.

Which one of these things comes most naturally to you? What is one practical that you can live out these suggestions above?

Read 1 John 4.

What does this passage teach us about love? How do these words connect with Jesus’ words on the cross?

Next Steps:

In his message, Pastor Matt elaborates on how to really see the person right in front of you. He says...

Provide what you can.

Make your presence safe and your relationship secure.

Help them belong and tell/show them you love them.

Help them accomplish what is most important.

Love them enough to help them grow.

Who is close to you that you need to see this week? Pick one or two of these suggestions to lean into with that person this week. What are some practical ways of doing loving the people right in front of you?