

MESSAGE NOTES

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The Face of Love

Part 1

~Hello, My Name Is...~

Mark 10:35-42 (NIV) 35Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." 36"What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. 37They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." 38"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" 39"We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, 40but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." 41When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. 42Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

High Def Love: _____

Philippians 2:5-8 (NIV) Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Luke 9:24-25 (NIV) For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?

It's Difficult for Me to Love...

"We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother." – 1 John 4:19-21(NIV)

Take some time this week to pray and reflect on the above verse. Then, in the categories below, identify individuals who you find it very difficult to love. Be transparent and honest with yourself, and write those names in the spaces below. Save this list. We will work through this list in the upcoming weeks of the Face of Love series.

Family

(spouse, in-laws, children, parents, ex-es, siblings)

Community - inside your world

(roommate, neighbors, co-worker, boss, kid's friends/parents)

Society - outside your world

(homosexuals, homeless, dead beat dads, politicians, non-Christians / other religions, different races, the affluent, criminals)
