

RE SOLUTIONS

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**LIFE GROUP PARTICIPANT PACKET**

**JANUARY 2 - FEBRUARY 27, 2022**





## RE:SOLUTIONS

Let's make a resolution this New Year... To worship our God!

Worship is...recognizing who God is and then responding correctly! Worship is filled with admiration, adoration, reverence, obedience, love, fascination, spirit and truth. The object of our worship is always the Great *I AM*. Then our heart responds with a submissive attitude that believes and yields to the truth of God. Unlike popular opinion, God seeks worshippers, not workers. Ultimately worship is a lifestyle, in that your total life should glorify God. It is the primary focus and function of man and the church. We will worship now and forever the greatness, goodness, glory and grace of our God!

If your heart takes more pleasure in reading novels, or watching TV, or going to the movies, or talking to friends, rather than just sitting alone with God and embracing Him, sharing His cares and His burdens, weeping and rejoicing with Him, then how are you going to handle forever and ever in His presence? You'd be bored to tears in Heaven, if you're not ecstatic about God now! - *Keith Green*

The Father and Son have sought to redeem us that we may become worshippers. Jesus said that the Son of Man came into the world to seek and to save that which was lost. In John 4, He reveals the purpose for His seeking. The Father sent Christ to seek and save for the specific purpose of producing worshipping people. - *John MacArthur*

Do you feel more loved when God makes much of you or do you feel more loved when God at the cost of His Son allows you to make much of Him? - *John Piper*

Worship is our response to the overtures of love from the heart of the Father. Its central reality is found 'in spirit and truth.' It is kindled within us only when the Spirit of God touches our human spirit. - *Richard J. Foster*

**This series we will RE:Solution to have God be God in our HEART and FAMILY and FINANCES.**

2-Jan	1	Worship: Idolatry...It's a heart thing!	Psalm 115
9-Jan	2	Worship: A joyful heart of thanksgiving to God	Psalm 100
16-Jan	3	Worship: A heart of worship means a life of worship	1 Corinthians 10:23-33
23-Jan	4	Worship: In the family it starts with the marriage	Ephesians 5:17-33
30-Jan	5	Worship: Parenting the family for worship	Ephesians 6:1-10
6- Feb	6	Worship: Family love	I Corinthians 13:1-13
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20-Feb	8	Worship: The blessing of stewardship	Matthew 25:14-30
27-Feb	9	Worship: Financing the Kingdom	Matthew 6:19-24

**At Living Hope, we believe that we must be  
connected relationally to grow spiritually.**

We exist to reach the world for Jesus, one person at a time. We feel that is best done in small, relational environments where biblical disciples can be made. Life Groups are the primary vehicle by which we carry out the vision and mission of Living Hope Community Church. We will be a church that makes disciples, who make disciples of Jesus. Vision: The vision of our Life Groups is to provide a spiritual community where groups of people are transformed into the image of Christ, growing in their understanding of God's story, and living it out in the context of loving accountability and expected reproduction.

We believe that a definition of a disciple is found in Matthew 4:19:

**And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."** Here is how we define disciple: (1) A disciple knows and follows Christ; (2) a disciple is being changed by Christ; and (3) a disciple is committed to the mission of Christ.

## **I Thessalonians 2**

So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

## **Galatians 5:22-23**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

## **Matthew 22:37-40**

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind'. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments".

## **John 15:4-5**

Remain in Me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing."

**We believe that we cannot grow spiritually if we are not connected relationally**

## **Matthew 28:18-20**

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age".

## **Acts 2:42-47**

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

# LIFE GROUP GUIDELINES

**SAFE GROUP:** We will strive to create an environment where everyone can be real, open, and honest with their struggles and victories.

**CONFIDENTIALITY:** What is said in the group stays in the group.

**LISTEN:** Let's value one another during the discussions by really listening to what is being shared. Try to avoid thinking about how you are going to respond, or what you are going to say next.

**PAUSE:** Allow a pause in conversation after someone shares. Give the person sharing the chance to finish and the group the opportunity to consider what was just shared before responding.

**SILENCE:** It is important to allow silence in the group as it provides an opportunity for someone to share and for members in the group to process the topic or questions being considered.

**NO "CROSS TALK":** Be considerate of others as they are sharing. No side conversations.

**NO FIXING:** We are not here to fix each other. Jesus does that part. Give encouragement; speak truth; and point to Jesus. Don't try to solve or fix each other.

**NO RESCUING:** When people are sharing something deeply personal, there can be a tendency to try to make them feel better about themselves or the situation by providing immediate condolences. This will often cause them to stop sharing. Resist the temptation to rescue people.

**SHARING:** Be sensitive about the amount of time you share.

**BE SELF-AWARE:** Be self-aware of how you are personally affecting the environment through your words, actions, and non-verbal communication.

**USE "I" STATEMENTS:** It's easy to talk about the issues of others, but for our purposes, we want you to put yourself on the table. Try to use "I" statements rather than "them", "the church", "us", "we", etc.

**CONFLICT:** We will commit to resolve conflict biblically. When conflict or sin issues between group members arise, we want to make sure that we are honoring God and each other in the way we deal with these issues. The following are a few key Scriptures in this regard (there are many others):

**If someone sins against you – Matthew 18:15-20**  
**Restoring someone in sin – Galatians 6:1-5**  
**Forgive a sinner – Colossians 3:12-13**  
**Reconciling differences – Matthew 5:23-26, Matthew 7:1-5**



## BIBLICAL FOUNDATION FOR RELATIONSHIP

The Bible alone gives a clear and complete picture of what God wants done—His mission—and how He wants it done—His methods. The purpose of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus who can make disciples of Jesus. We do this with the understanding that relationship is the key vehicle.



## INTENTIONAL LEADER

An intentional leader understands that part of their role is to reach the lost, make disciples of Jesus, and create Christ-centered environments where disciple-making can happen. They understand where a person is spiritually and what is needed to help them grow.



## RELATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

This is a group facilitated by a leader who is intentionally modeling spiritual fruit. They are doing life together with a kingdom mindset. The relationships go beyond just the group time. These relationships press into areas of privacy, transparency, and vulnerability.



## REPRODUCIBLE DISCIPLE-MAKING PROCESS

This is the process for developing people toward Christ-likeness.

This includes three parts:

**“My Part” the discipler; “Their Part” the disciple, and “God’s Part”.**

Leaders understand the Stages of Spiritual Growth and can identify where a person is spiritually and help them mature and grow at each stage.



**WELCOME:**

**OPEN IN PRAYER**

**VISION CAST:**

**LIFE GROUP GUIDELINES:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**FOLLOW UP & WARM UP:**

- *What would you like to see done this year in your life? What do you want to accomplish this year?*
- *If you could pick a 'word' for this year ,2022, what would it be? Explain.*
- *If you were a participant in the biggest New Year's parade what would you want your role to be and why?*

# WEEK 1: JANUARY 2, 2022

**SERIES THEME: RE:SOLUTIONS**

**WEEK 1: Worship - Idolatry... It's a Heart Thing**

**TEXT: PSALM 115**

“Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness! **2** Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?” **3** Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases. **4** Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. **5** They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see. **6** They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell. **7** They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat. **8** Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them. **9** O Israel, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield. **10** O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield. **11** You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield. **12** The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron; **13** he will bless those who fear the Lord, both the small and the great. **14** May the Lord give you increase, you and your children! **15** May you be blessed by the Lord, who made heaven and earth! **16** The heavens are the Lord's heavens, but the earth he has given to the children of man. **17** The dead do not praise the Lord, nor do any who go down into silence. **18** But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!”

**TELL THE STORY:** Read Psalm 115

**DEBRIEF THE STORY:**

**These questions help us to examine what the Word shows.**

- What did you learn about God and man from this passage?
- What stands out to you from verse one? What do you notice about the repetition? What aspect or attribute of God deserves praise and adoration?
- What is the central reason why the Psalmist asks for the LORD to once again unleash His miraculous power and unparalleled glory?
- What do the nations think about Jehovah? How is Jehovah different than man made idols?
- What comparisons are made here? Where are the 'idol makers' located? What are the 'idol makers' capable of?
- Why is the object of our worship important? What is significant about mentioning the 'house of Aaron'?
- In verses 8-15 what is the repetition that you see? What words are used 3x? What word is used 5x?
- What are God's worshippers called to do?
- What is the message at the conclusion of this Psalm? (vs. 16-18)

**These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.**

- What comes to your mind when you think about Jehovah?
- What do unbelievers say about your God? What do they doubt? What do they wonder?
- What is the status of their god? What powers or actions do their gods say or do? What character is on display in the actions of their gods?
- Where have you seen God speak, see, hear, smell, feel, and walk on your behalf?
- How do you know that Jehovah is the one and only true and living God?
- How can you trust in Jehovah during this season of your life?
- He is your Helper and Shield, your very great reward! How has He blessed you?
- How have you made God in your own image and not like He has declared Himself to be?
- What causes you to suspend your praise to God? How can praise still come forth from your heart and lips in spite of brokenness, pain, and trouble? May praise rise forevermore!

**These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into everyday realities.**

- 'Here below' we can bless the LORD during our life. What does that look like for you, your family, and your church family?
- The call for followers is to speak the truth in love. To proclaim and demonstrate the Kingdom of God to a lost world. "In your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the Hope that you have. Do this with gentleness and respect..." What are the implications of this in your life today?
- Taking an inventory of your heart and actions can be filled with condemnation and shame, but not so for the children of God. Repent and believe. Let your life be a hallelujah to God.
- Who can you share this Psalm with this week?
- What are you challenged to think/believe/do differently because of this passage and our discussion?
- Praise God with this same Psalm that was sung at the end of the Passover meal. All Glory to Him!





# WEEK 2: JANUARY 9, 2022

**WELCOME:**

**OPEN IN PRAYER**

**VISION CAST:**

**LIFE GROUP GUIDELINES:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**FOLLOW UP & WARM UP:**

- *What are you thankful for today? How did last time's discussion impact your week? Where did you step out in obedience this past week? What did you take away from the sermon?*
- *How would you describe 'worship'? What does it look like and what does it include?*
- *Share with everyone your favorite hobby. How often do you do this hobby? What do you love about it? How good are you at it? Have you ever used it to bless someone?*

## **SERIES THEME: RE:SOLUTIONS**

### **WEEK 2: Worship - A Joyful Heart of Thanksgiving to God**

#### **TEXT: PSALM 100**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! **2** Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! **3** Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. **4** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! **5** For the Lord is good his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

**TELL THE STORY:** Read Psalm 100

**DEBRIEF THE STORY:**

HEAD

## These questions help us to examine what the Word shows.

- What does this passage teach us about God? What does it teach us about man?
- What does this passage teach us about worship?
- What is this Psalm calling us to do?
- What are the reasons for our worship?
- Who should make a joyful shout?
- What metaphor does the Psalmist give for God and His people?
- What names are used for God in this Psalm? What do they tell us?
- What role does God as 'Creator' have on our worship of Him?
- Where are His gates and courts? (then, now, and future)
- What does 'His steadfast love endures forever' mean?
- In what ways is God faithful? To Himself and His promises? In His creation? To His people?
- What is joy and why is it important?
- What does all of this rejoicing teach us about God? What must He be like?
- Has there ever been a generation that did not experience God's goodness, mercy, and love?

OBSERVATION

HEART

## These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.

- Why are 'singing' and 'shouts' and 'joy' important to God? Are they important for you?
- Why are 'thanksgiving' and 'praise' important to God? Are they important for you?
- Share a time that you experienced the faithfulness of God.
- What do you think your life would be like if God wasn't involved?
- What verses in the Bible come to your mind about our purposes in this life to give God glory?
- How are you serving the Lord with gladness?
- When do you most praise God? How do you do it? Is music a good tool for you to use? Is service a good tool for you to use?
- What are the benefits about being referenced as 'sheep' in the Bible? (cf. 23:1, 74:1, 79:13, 80:1, 95:7) What is also humbling about it?
- Describe the thanksgiving sacrifices of the OT. Where were they made? Why were they made?
- Share your favorite promise in Scripture.

INTERPRETATION

HANDS

## These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into everyday realities.

- Share with each other right now or this week via text or email a favorite worship song. Here is mine right now... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=omXF441aNhA> 'Love so Great'
- Write out a top ten list of things to be thankful for. God is so good! Read that list everyday for a week. Share it with someone. Praise God with it!
- Consider keeping a journal this year about the goodness, love and faithfulness of God. Let every generation extol Him!
- Focus on one takeaway from this passage. What is God impressing upon you to say/believe/do differently in your life?
- How can you publicly praise and worship God this week? At work? In the community?
- How can you use this passage to disciple someone?

APPLICATION





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FOLLOW UP & WARM UP:

- *What are you thankful for today? How did last time's discussion impact your week? Where did you step out in obedience this past week? What did you take away from the sermon?*
- *Have you ever kept a New Years resolution for a whole year? Was it hard? What was it?*
- *Do you have a celebration dance you like to do or phrase you like to say? Can we see it or hear it?*

## **SERIES THEME: RE:SOLUTIONS**

### **WEEK 3: Worship - A Heart of Worship Means a Life of Worship**

#### **TEXT: I CORINTHIANS 10:23-33**

**23** “All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up. **24** Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. **25** Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience. **26** For “the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.” **27** If one of the unbelievers invites you to dinner and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience. **28** But if someone says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” then do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience— **29** I do not mean your conscience, but his. For why should my liberty be determined by someone else's conscience? **30** If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of that for which I give thanks? **31** So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. **32** Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, **33** just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.

**TELL THE STORY:** Read I Corinthians 10:23-33

**DEBRIEF THE STORY:**

HEAD

**These questions help us to examine what the Word shows.**

- What does this passage teach us about God? What does it teach us about worship?
- What does this passage teach us about man?
- Why is everything lawful or permissible for believers? What are three or four restrictions to a believer's freedom in these verses?
- What should a believer consider besides their own good?
- When eating with an unbeliever should a believer eat guilt free no matter the menu? Explain.
- Does the menu matter if it offends another's conscience? Explain.
- Whatever we do should be done for what reason and purpose?
- Who does verse 32 say we should be careful not to offend?
- How does the example of Jesus speak to interactions like these and brotherly love?

OBSERVATION

HEART

**These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.**

- Do you do everything with the intention of giving glory to God? How can you grow in that understanding?
- This passage points to liberty and not legalism, yet why do we gravitate to rules and 'do not's' and raising questions? On the flip side why do those that understand liberty find it hard to condescend to the conscience of others?
- Why is it important to not be condemned by another believer? (John 13:34-35)
- How can someone sanctify their mind and heart so that their motivations are God and others focused? (Remember the same Spirit of Jesus resides in those that believe in Him)
- Would you say your tendencies are more to liberty or legalism? Explain why. What truth would be helpful for you to understand so that you understand your freedom and servanthood of others?
- Have you ever offended a believer by trying not to offend an unbeliever? Explain.

INTERPRETATION

HANDS

**These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into everyday realities.**

- How can you use this passage to disciple someone?
- Think through areas of your life that you need to grow in the liberty of Christ? Read Colossians 2:11-23. Asceticism and self-neglect will never produce holiness.
- Think through areas of your life that you need to seek the good of your neighbor. Read I Corinthians 9:19-27. What you do for the least of these you do for Christ!
- Focus on one takeaway from this passage. What is God impressing upon you to say/believe/do differently in your life?
- Every decision and action you take to love someone like Jesus is also an act of worship to God. What can you and/or your group do this winter to serve your neighbors and community? Don't just ask God to bless your efforts, but look for ways that He is already at work. Take a walk into your community center or borough hall and see what ways you can serve. Hear what needs your neighbors mention and look for ways that you can demonstrate the Gospel. All for Him!

APPLICATION





# WEEK 4: JANUARY 23, 2022

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**VISION CAST:**

**LIFE GROUP GUIDELINES:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**FOLLOW UP & WARM UP:**

*• What are you thankful for today? How did last time's discussion impact your week? Where did you step out in obedience this past week? What did you take away from the sermon?*

*• If you are married share information about how you met or your first date? What did you know at that time? Where did you go? How old were you?*

*• Share your favorite restaurant. Why do you enjoy it? What do you order? How far away is it? What does it look and feel like inside?*

## SERIES THEME: RE:SOLUTIONS

### WEEK 4: Worship - In the Family it starts with Marriage

#### TEXT: EPHESIANS 5:17-33

**17** Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. **18** And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, **19** addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, **20** giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **21** submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. **22** Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. **23** For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. **24** Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. **25** Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, **26** that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, **27** so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. **28** In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. **29** For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, **30** because we are members of his body. **31** “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” **32** This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. **33** However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

#### TELL THE STORY: READ EPHESIANS 5:17-33

#### DEBRIEF THE STORY:

## These questions help us to examine what the Word shows.

- What do we learn about God from these verses? What do we learn about worship?
- What do we learn about humanity?
- What about this passage is hard to understand or needs some clarity? What makes you wonder?
- What is the will of the Lord?
- What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit? What does it look like?
- Why should we submit to one another?
- What are the roles of husbands and wives?
- What reasons are given for living out those roles?
- How is the husband and wife dynamic a picture of the Gospel?
- Why would the church submit to Jesus? What would that look like?
- Why is the reference to the creation story important here? (vs. 31) What is the mystery?
- Where do you see harmony and roles in the Godhead?
- How does a husband sanctify his wife? What is the purpose?
- Is it possible to know God's purpose for marriage and yet not fulfill it? Explain.

## These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.

- When is it difficult to love and respect one another?
- Husbands share some ways that your wife has submitted and respected you in marriage.
- Wives share some ways that your husband has loved, sanctified, and cherished you in marriage.
- How does being loved and respected influence your communication and interaction?
- Reflect on being a member of the Body of Christ. How does a love for God carry over to your marriage? How does being Spirit filled impact your marriage? How do you love and serve God together? Is that important?
- When have you seen love and submission abused? How do you continue when your love and respect is not reciprocated?

## These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into everyday realities.

- Improving your obedience and love for God will have a direct impact on your love and commitment in marriage. How can you grow in that relationship this week?
- How can you submit and love your spouse better this month? Write this down! Share it!
- Schedule a date night! Evaluate your part in the marriage. How can you improve your focus and practice? What words can you adopt or change to help in communication?
- Consider a marriage weekend away or future conference. You will not regret it.
- What are you challenged to think/believe/do differently because of this passage and our discussion?
- What verse from this passage do you need to memorize or meditate on this week?
- Consider giving another couple a date night by watching their kids or getting them a gift card. Share in your group some convenient and affordable date nights ideas.
- Share this passage with a couple that you care about. May our marriages be worship to God.





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**FOLLOW UP & WARM UP:**

- *What are you thankful for today? How did last time's discussion impact your week? Where did you step out in obedience this past week? What did you take away from the sermon?*
- *What is the best parenting advice you have ever heard?*
- *What did your parents do or say to you that showed you their love for you? What do you wish they would have done?*

# WEEK 5: JANUARY 30, 2022

## SERIES THEME: RE:SOLUTIONS

### WEEK 5: Worship - Parenting the Family for Worship

#### TEXT: EPHESIANS 6:1-10

**6:1** Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. **2** “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), **3** “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” **4** Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. **5** Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, **6** not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, **7** rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, **8** knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. **9** Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him. **10** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

#### TELL THE STORY: READ EPHESIANS 6:1-10

#### DEBRIEF THE STORY:

**These questions help us to examine what the Word shows.**

- What does this passage teach us about God? What does it teach us about worship?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity?
- What does it mean to honor your father and mother?
- Are there any times that children should not honor their parents?
- What is the promise for obeying your parents? Why do you think that promise is given?
- How do you bring children up in the instruction of the Lord?
- What are the main points of instruction 'of the Lord' that you should teach your children?
- How may a father or mother provoke their child to anger?
- How should a bondservant treat their earthly masters?
- How should a master treat their slaves?
- How does someone be strong in the Lord and in His might?
- What is the responsibility of children in the home?
- Why do you think God doesn't show partiality?

**These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.**

- What does disciplining your children look like? What are the reasons for discipline?
- How do you balance the tension of consequences and compassion?
- Have you been 'modeling' the Good News for your family to see?
- How does it make you feel to know that God, your perfect Heavenly Father, is crazy about you and desires to see you grow into your full potential?
- Is this passage promoting slavery? Explain.
- Should the demands of children today be as strict as they were say 50 years ago? How about 20 years ago? Explain.
- Is it hard for you to not show partiality as a parent? Explain. When can it be difficult?
- Is 'rendering service with a good will' to everyone possible and what may it cost you?

**These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into everyday realities.**

- Does your schedule and time allow for hands-on parenting and teaching?
- How can you celebrate and rejoice over the growth you see in your children?
- How can you partner with your children so that they take ownership of their choices?
- As the saying goes... 'Rules without relationship leads to rebellion' What are ways that you can listen and care for your children in a relationship building way?
- Plan a family service project. Check in with our local outreach ministry for an opportunity or just give the office a call. These stretching moments can really bring family together.
- Focus on one takeaway from this passage. What is God impressing upon you to say/believe/ do differently in your life?
- How can you use this passage to disciple someone? Remember to keep your family the priority above your work and even service to God. May your parenting be worship this week!





# WEEK 6: FEBRUARY 06, 2022

**WELCOME:**

**OPEN IN PRAYER**

**VISION CAST:**

**LIFE GROUP GUIDELINES:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**FOLLOW UP & WARM UP:**

- *What are you thankful for today? How did last time's discussion impact your week? Where did you step out in obedience this past week? What did you take away from the sermon?*
- *Would you rather have similar music or food taste as a couple? OR Would you rather be the last two people in a zombie apocalypse or be stranded on an island?*
- *Do you remember any part of your wedding vows? Share what you remember...Hopefully all of it. Would you add anything or change any part of it? Explain.*

## SERIES THEME: RE:SOLUTIONS

### WEEK 6: Worship - Family Love

#### TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

**13** If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. **2** And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. **3** If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. **4** Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant **5** or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; **6** it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. **7** Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. **8** Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. **9** For we know in part and we prophesy in part, **10** but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. **11** When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. **12** For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. **13** So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

TELL THE STORY: READ 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

DEBRIEF THE STORY:

## These questions help us to examine what the Word.

- What does this passage teach us about God? What does it teach us about worship?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity?
- What word appears eight times? How is it used?
- From these verses, how is loving one another worship to God?
- Why would love not boast or be rude or not endure all things?
- How can love never end? Why is love the greatest?
- What powers or abilities don't compare with love?
- What could be some of the motivations for people if it is not love?
- What is the 'perfect' of verse 10?
- When will we know fully as we have been fully known?
- What do faith, hope and love have in common? How are they different?

## These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.

- Is it easier for you to think of love by what it doesn't do or by what it does do? Explain.
- What were some of Paul's strengths? How did they compare with his love?
- Which one of the fourteen descriptions of love is hardest to understand or live?
- Why do you think love is so unmovable when hard times come?
- Should personal freedom ever interfere with loving someone else? Explain
- What other Scriptures come to your mind regarding love? Share
- When do you want to receive and not give? When do we move from a child to an adult?
- Why do you think love is devoted to truth?
- When do you get irritable and resentful? How would you correct these feelings?

## These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into everyday realities.

- Take out the word love in this passage and place your name there. Anything you need to work on? What do you think are some of your blind spots? What do you do well?
- Which one of these characteristics of love do you want to study and grow in? Have everyone share one or two. Pray for one another about this.
- Do you love one another and God well? Which one is easier? Take time to memorize some of these verses this week. Hide God's Word in your heart.
- Focus on one takeaway from this passage. What is God impressing upon you to say/believe/do differently in your life?
- How can you use this passage to disciple someone?





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FOLLOW UP & WARM UP:

- *What are you thankful for today? How did last time's discussion impact your week? Where did you step out in obedience this past week? What did you take away from the sermon?*
- *If you were given 1 million dollars tomorrow in cash and had 48 hours to spend it what would you do? How would you spend it?*
- *What classes in school had the hardest tests? English, Science, History, Math, Geography, or Spelling What made them so difficult for you?*

## **SERIES THEME: RE:SOLUTIONS**

### **WEEK 7: Worship - The Curse of Finances**

#### **TEXT: MALACHI 3:6-15**

**6** “For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. **7** From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’ **8** Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions. **9** You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. **10** Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. **11** I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts. **12** Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts. **13** “Your words have been hard against me, says the Lord. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ **14** You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the Lord of hosts? **15** And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.”

**TELL THE STORY: READ MALACHI 3: 6-15**

**DEBRIEF THE STORY:**

**These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.**

- What does this passage teach us about God? What does it teach us about worship?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity?
- What specifically did God's people not do? Then how did they rob God?
- With what does God want them to put Him to the test?
- What will God do and what will all the nations say about Him and His people?
- What do God's people ignorantly and rudely say and believe?
- Will God's people ever be destroyed? Why or why not?
- By not paying their taxes to God what suffered? How were the Levites and poor sustained? What about the government? (Lev. 27:30-32, Num. 18:21-26, Deut. 14:28-29, Ex. 25:1-2)
- Is the 'mourning' of verse 14 true repentance? Explain.
- How far is God willing to go in His blessing and redemption?
- Who is the ultimate owner of all things? What does stewardship mean and look like?

**These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into everyday realities.**

- Repent and return to God! He is good and faithful and merciful!
- Take a moment this week and read the whole book of Malachi. \*Note all the disobedience of the people and all the mercy of God.
- The church has some great resources on giving, just call to ask. What would giving a percentage of your budget to God mean for your finances? Where is a good place for you to start giving?
- Focus on one takeaway from this passage. What is God impressing upon you to say/believe/do differently in your life?
- How can you use this passage to disciple someone? Discuss good stewardship!

**These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into everyday**

- Do you feel like your rebellion will lead to destruction from God? Explain.
- Do you ever feel like God left you? What is the truth?
- Have you ever tried to see how far you could go in your sin? Why are we so stubborn?
- What evidence in your life can you point to or see as fruit of obedience and blessing or consequences of sin and disobedience? (Deut. 28)
- What does the New Testament say about freewill giving? (I Cor. 16:1-2, II Cor. 8-9)
- Do you have a 'storehouse'? Are you saving any money to give to God or others?
- What does true repentance look like?





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- *What are you thankful for today? How did last time's discussion impact your week? Where did you step out in obedience this past week? What did you take away from the sermon?*
- *When have you experienced something that started small and then increased and became something great? Explain.*
- *Do you have any pets? Do you love animals? What has that experience been like? What is your favorite exotic animal?*

## SERIES THEME: RE:SOLUTIONS

### WEEK 8: Worship - The Blessing of Stewardship

TEXT: MATTHEW 25: 14-30

**14** “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. **15** To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. **16** He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. **17** So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. **18** But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. **19** Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. **20** And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ **21** His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ **22** And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ **23** His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ **24** He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, **25** so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ **26** But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? **27** Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. **28** So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. **29** For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. **30** And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

**TELL THE STORY:**

**DEBRIEF THE STORY:**

## These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.

- What does this passage teach us about God? What does it teach us about worship?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity?
- How many servants does the Master have? What are each given? How much?
- What do each of the servants do with the talents? (each talent weighed between 58-80lbs.)
- What did the master say to the first two servants? What were they to enter into and share?
- Why did the third servant hide his talent? How did he feel about his master?
- What would have happened if he invested it? Would there have been a record? What if the master did not return? Who did the talent then belong to?
- What was the result for the third servant?
- How does this passage compare and contrast to Luke 19:11-27?
- How long do you think the master was away? Does it matter?
- Was how the third servant represented his master true? Does it matter?
- What does this passage teach us about worship?

## These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into everyday realities.

- How do you gauge your faithfulness?
- Do you feel like you have the ability for more responsibility? Explain. How do you know? What spiritual fruit are you bearing?
- Are you prepared for the Lord's return? Are you serving the King while He is away?
- What are the blessings and curses for those that have faith that King Jesus will return?
- Do you feel like you make the most of your opportunities for God or do you waste them? How can you be more faithful?
- How can you increase in your knowledge of God so that you don't misunderstand or misrepresent God like the slothful unbelieving servant?

## These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into everyday realities.

- Do you understand the importance of faithfulness? Encourage one another and build up one another in the faith! Share how each person has been a good servant and steward.
- Take a moment to examine your life, time and finances. Make sure your spending and saving reflect your whole hearted trust in Jesus and belief that He is coming back soon to bless those that believe and are faithful.
- SHARE this story with someone. Take a minute to pray about who this could be.
- Focus on one takeaway from this passage. What is God impressing upon you to say/ believe/do differently in your life?
- How can you use this passage to disciple someone?





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- *Share something that you saved and saved and saved for? How did it feel to get it? How long did you have to save? What sacrifices did you have to make? How long did it last?*
- *What do you think about your eyes? Do they help you or cause you problems? Do you wear glasses or contacts? Do you wish your eyes were a different color or shape? Have you ever hurt your eyes?*

**SERIES THEME: RE:SOLUTIONS**

**WEEK 9: Worship - Kingdom Finances**

**TEXT: MATTHEW 6:19 - 24**

**19** “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, **20** but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. **21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. **22** “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, **23** but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! **24** “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

**TELL THE STORY: READ MATTHEW 6:19-24**

**DEBRIEF THE STORY:**

**These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.**

- What does this passage teach us about God? What does it teach us about worship?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity?
- What happens to treasures on earth?
- What happens to treasures in Heaven?
- What happens to your heart when it treasures something or someone?
- How do your eyes affect your heart, desires and behaviors?
- Why can't we serve two masters?
- Why is money talked about as a master?
- How great can our light or darkness be?
- How does one lay up treasures in Heaven? What does that specifically look like?
- Does darkness come from within, without, or both?
- What are the things that will last forever and that we can take with us?

**These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into everyday realities.**

- How much worth or trust do you place in money? Are you the master or the slave?
- Are you earning to make a living or make a life? What is the difference?
- What is your attitude towards wealth?
- How does the context to these verses add to the conversation and understanding?
- Do you believe that God materially blesses all of those that He loves? Explain.
- Share an experience of moth, rust or decay. How did you respond?
- Do you struggle with greed? How can it blind you? How do you get light in this area? How can someone covet or pursue righteousness?
- When we pursue money we leave the 'life of faith' in our Heavenly Father! What are you trusting Him for today?

**These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into everyday realities.**

- Begin being occupied with the things of God! Put on compassion, kindness, and an others first mentality. Listen and look for needs and respond with goodness and godliness.
- Write down all the things that you love more than money. How long is your list?
- Christmas in February! What can you give away? How can you bless someone with a blessing that you have been given? Consider giving one thing away or meeting one need you see for 10 straight days!
- Focus on one takeaway from this passage. What is God impressing upon you to say/believe/ do differently in your life?
- How can you use this passage to disciple someone? Worship God with your money!









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