



LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE TRUE LOVERS - PART 3

Exodus 13:1-2, 13-15

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Pastor Robert Morris, Gateway Church – 3 May 2015

LIFE GROUP LEADERS – If you're using this Discussion Guide we'd love to know, please take a quick second right now to text us WEEKLY STUDY to 619 354 6911, thanks

Take a few minutes to follow up on the 'Take it Home' section from last week.

1. Was anyone able to take the 5 Love Languages Discovery Test this past week <http://www.5lovelanguages.com/profile/> For those that were able to take the test, what are your top two Love Languages? Were these results surprising to you?
2. Last week we challenged each other to speak *words of affirmation* towards each other and those we came in contact with as well as to God – how did this go for you? What was the response to those you spoke words of affirmation towards?

This past Sunday Pastor Rober Morris was our Guest speaker at the Rock. Pastor Morris is the Senior Pastor of Gateway Church in Dallas, Texas. Pastor Morris continued week 3 of our series *True Lovers* where we've been looking at the 5 Love Languages, 1 – *Words of Affirmation*, 2 – *Gifts*, 3 – *Quality Time*, 4 – *Acts of Service*, 5 – *Physical Touch*.

Pastor Morris shared with us that when we put God first we are speaking His love language. A verse many of have memorized or heard often is John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he **gave** his only Son..." From creating the world we have the blessing to live on, to the breath we take few every seconds, to the Son that's been given to us – Our God is a Giver of Gifts.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

Pastor Morris discussed, relative to giving to God, that giving or making offerings to God is a matter of following God's principles more so then the Law. The offering of Cain and Able that we read about in Genesis 4 was prior to the Law, which tells us God expected honorable giving as a means of principle and relationship with Him.

TAKE A FEW MINUTES:

- [1] Share some of the family principles or values that you were taught as a youth and lived by. How do these principles compare to your Christian life now and the principles learn by the word of God?
- [2] Share a time when you received a gift where you absolutely knew that planning, thought, and knowing what you liked was evident. How did that gift impact you?



[3] Share about a time when you gave a gift that you put a lot of time preparing and planning? How was it received?

STUDY QUESTIONS

In Sunday's sermon, we were taught that God did not accept Cain's offering compared to Able's because Cain's offering was not the 1st fruit of his labor -- basically Cain gave second hand goods to God. God considered this stealing what is His to be brought back to Him in obedience.

TAKE A FEW MINUTES AND READ:

Act 5:1-11

1. When you read this story what initially comes to mind?
2. What do you think is the risk of putting God as an afterthought in our daily affairs?
3. How did the Lord bring to light Ananias and his wife acts of "stealing" from God?
4. Ananias and Sapphira gave to the Lord, but why was it not acceptable to God? What is the impact of not honoring God as He desires?
5. What circumstances in life sometimes cause us to fear and as a result put other things before God?
6. Take a few minutes to read 1 Corinthians 10:26 and Psalm 24:1.
What do these verses help us to see how we should look at our possessions -- homes, cars, family, jobs etc.?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

We want to continue to learn to be people that honor God with our first and our best, He will not accept anything less.

TAKE A FEW MINUTES AND READ:

Malachi 3:10 "Bring all the tithe in the storehouse, and try Me now in this, says the Lord of Hosts, If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessings [of the Kingdom] that there will not be room enough to receive it."

1 Corinthians 2:9 "However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived"— the things God has prepared for those who love him—"

These verses encourage us that our Father, God, has so MUCH for us that he wants to give us – far beyond what our natural ability is to comprehend or see.

List your best to God: Name 5 things you can offer to God this week excluding your money/tithe?



MEMORY VERSES

Luke 6:38 – *“Give and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into you bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you”*

TAKE IT HOME!

1. If you haven't be able to yet take the 5 Love Languages Discovery Test at <http://www.5lovelanguages.com/profile/>
2. Read these Scriptures daily throughout the week asking God what these mean for you.
 - Proverb 3:9-10
 - Exodus 23:19
 - Leviticus 27:30
 - Genesis 4:3
 - Exodus 13:11-12
3. This week challenge yourself to put God First in everything you do. Observe what happens when you put God first in your day from start to finish.

