

1. Connect

Question of the Day. Highs and Lows. Share how last week's message influenced your week.

2. Engage: Sermon Review + Discussion

This week we got to hear from Michael Lee, Tiana Spencer and Michael Field! Dive into the questions below based on which campus you attended

Michael Lee- Monrovia

- Read these quotes and verses together, then answer the questions below:
 - *"We are more sinful and flawed than we dared believe; yet, more accepted and loved by God than we ever dared hope."*
 - *"The true beauty of God's love is not overlooking or denying a person's sin. Instead, it is acknowledging that sin is there, yet deciding that the imperfections will not stand in the way of our relationship."*
 - Romans 8:35, 37-39 –³⁵ *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?...³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
- a. How do these quotes and verses speak to you personally? How do they speak to the power and beauty of the Gospel?
 - b. Some people have difficulty believing that Jesus absolutely loves them. If you are in that situation, what barriers do you feel are hindering you from accepting Jesus' acceptance of you? What would help you to begin breaking through these barriers?

3. Apply: Next Faithful Step

1. Read Romans 1:15-16. The Apostle Paul was eager and unashamed to share the Gospel of Christ because it manifested the power and beauty of God's love. Is sharing the message of God's love with unchurched people easy or difficult for you? Do you believe the Gospel still works, that it still changes lives? How can your LifeGroup help you to be bolder?

Michael Field - Pasadena

- Name a time in your life that you misplaced your confidence in something. What was that like? What did you learn?
- Name a time in your life that you placed your confidence in God. What was that like? What did you learn?
- Where did you first experience the “power of God to save” you in your life? Where have you experienced His “power to save” lately in your life or in the lives around you?

3. Apply: Next Faithful Step

- As theologian Charles Spurgeon “Though you have changed a thousand times, He has not changed once.” Reflect on a couple seasons you have gone through in life. Name how you have changed. Now name the constant characteristics of God you experienced in the midst of all of the change.

Tiana Spencer – Huntington Drive

- What are some ways you have suffered from the wound of rejection and how did the enemy use that in your life to distort the truth of your identity?
- Do you believe in the power of God? What are some ways you have seen his power show up in your life?

3. Apply: Next Faithful Step

- Spend some time remembering how far God has brought you! How have you experienced his saving ability?

4. Prayer

Take some time to hear prayer requests from each member of your LifeGroup. Pray for one another, for your families, communities, our church, and the world.

**If anyone needs additional pastoral support or prayers regarding this sermon or any other aspect of our Next series, please don't hesitate to reach out to our pastoral staff. We would love to chat more deeply and pray with you.*