

## 1. Connect

### Question of the Day. What has been your favorite part of this summer?

This weekend we got to hear from our amazing Pastors, Christine, Johnny and Brandan! Dive into the questions below according to your campus. If your LifeGroup attended multiple campuses, feel free to walk through 1-2 questions from each.

## 2. Engage: Sermon Review + Discussion

*Christine Suh*

- Read 1 John 3: 11-12: We follow Jesus' command to love one another by turning from death.

As you reflect on Cain's question to God, "Am I my brother's keeper?"-- who in your life have you started to ask this same question in your own heart? Who have you started to interact with as an enemy because you've been functioning in comparison and competition? Who have you forgotten to see as your brother or sister?

- Read 1 John 3: 14-16: We follow Jesus' command to love by turning towards life.

As you reflect on Apostle John's journey from being a "Son of Thunder" to becoming the "Beloved Disciple," where have you most recently experienced the transforming love of Jesus? Share one way Jesus' radical love recently compelled you to bring life to a situation or person. Through the passage, John contrasts Cain to Jesus. Cain kills the person he perceives as his enemy but Jesus washes the feet of his enemy. In what way do you believe Jesus is calling you to lay down your life (i.e. pride, wounds, reputation, etc.) in order to love your enemy?

## 3. Apply: Next Faithful Step

- Read 1 John 3: 17-18: We follow Jesus' command to love one another by embodying our faith.

John tells us to love, not with words or speech but with actions and in truth. Jesus wants us to look around at our brothers and sisters who are in need and sacrifice for them. Who in your life is in need? How can you be intentional to show up for them in an active way (emotionally, physically, financially, etc.)?

Where do you believe God may be challenging you function in abundance, not scarcity? How can you actively seek to be a reservoir instead of a canal of Jesus' love?

*Johnny Venegas*

- Read Phil 2:1-4. What is most encouraging to you? What is most challenging?
- Phil 2:3 - Check your motives. In what areas of your life do you choose you above others? Are there areas of selfishness or vain conceit?
- Phil 2:3 - Choose humility. Does humility come easy for you? Is it difficult? Who is someone that has modeled humility well in your life?

### **3. Apply: Next Faithful Step**

- Phil 2:4 - Challenge your priorities. Who are the "others" God has called you to see? Who are the convenient people you are able to "treat better than yourself"? Who are the difficult or inconvenient ones?

*Brandan Spencer*

- What's an area in your life where you struggle to trust God's timeline? How might God be asking you to trust Him more?
- What's a way that God might be asking you to use your influence to bless someone else?

### **3. Apply: Next Faithful Step**

- What's a small or large way you believe you could make an impact on the lives of others?
- How might you look at your city/community differently knowing that your well-being is tied to the communities well-being?

### **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 Praying Big Prayers series, please don't hesitate to reach out to our pastoral staff. We would love to chat more deeply and pray with you.