



OUR FAMILY VALUES

LOVE

Theme: Love 13

Discipleship groups purpose: Each member being transformed into the image of the Son.

Key Truth: Love rejoices with the truth.

Key Scripture: *1 Corinthians 13:6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;*

Read: Love and Truth are a very powerful combination. They go hand in hand and are never to be separated from one another. Love rejoices and celebrates when the Truth is present and declared by a person of Love and Truth, because all those who have ears that are attentive and a heart that is receptive, can receive the substance of God which brings us into so much eternal life.

Love always celebrates and rejoices when the truth is spoken, as love is fully aware of the transformative power of the Truth. Love knows that when the truth is received the way God intends, the hearer is set free from the flesh and brought into the reality of the Spirit life, that we have all been created for.

John 8:31-32 So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

This freedom is the outcome of knowing Love and Truth and continuing to know love and truth. We don't pursue freedom but we pursue love and truth. Who is love and truth? The answer is profoundly simple. God is love and truth. Love and truth are a person and the more we have an accurate knowledge (faith) of the person, we are able to live a life of faith in Jesus Christ, as Paul did.

Truth without love is not the way of God. Truth is never to be spoken without love as love defines how truth is spoken and even if it needs to be spoken. Truth without love releases a spirit of legalism and law which condemns and kills life, while Truth defined by love releases Light and Life. Love and truth are a perfect partnership that work perfectly together and bring to Life and Light the knowledge of God, which is what Jesus builds His church upon. To not be a lover of truth is to not know the one of Truth, which is to not know Love.

Love rejoices with the truth because together they are a dynamic partnership that birth and produce an abundant Eternal Life.

Questions:

1. What stands out the most from what you just heard and why?
2. Why is truth without love so dangerous?
3. Why is love with truth so powerful?
4. Why do people reject the truth even when it is defined by love?
5. If being set free in Christ is an outcome and not something we pursue, then how important is it for us to be in love and truth?
6. What action do we need to take in our lives after going through this teaching?