

## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

OCTOBER 09, 2022



### ICEBREAKER

What's the story behind the longest time you've gone without sleep?

### QUESTIONS

- Have you ever said "yes" to someone or something without really knowing what you were saying yes to? How did that work out for you?
- Share with the group about a time or experience when you found joy in serving others.

### READ

Philippians 2:1-4

### QUESTIONS

- What word or phrase stands out to you from this passage? Why?
- Can you be in "agreement" with someone without having the same ideas and opinions? What do you think it means practically to be one in mind and purpose?  
(To love others and the way Jesus loves you, to be on mission with Jesus in making a tangible and measurable difference in the lives of others)
- How does Paul describe the motives and actions of those trying to follow Jesus?  
(Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, in humility value others above yourself, to look to the interest of others)

- Patrick mentions three obstacles that get in the way of following Jesus and helping others: being disconnected, alone and self-focused. Which of these can you relate you?
- What are some ways you can practice humility or show preference to others in your relationships right now? (Value others the way God values them, look to what others need, to see others as the primary concern in your life)

## READ

1 John 3:16-18

## QUESTIONS

- How does John define love in this passage? (Jesus laying down his life for us, giving away material possessions to those in need, love with actions)
- How have you seen your relationship with God affect your relationships with others?
- Share about one person you can show/demonstrate love to this week.

## READ

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

## QUESTIONS

- From this verse, how do we demonstrate love as followers of Jesus? (love with new eyes from our new selves because our old life has died, no longer live for ourselves, live for Christ, love as Jesus loves)
- How does this passage connect with your current experiences or with what God has been teaching you?
- In what way does Christ's love compel you to follow God into the unknown?
- Patrick said, "The faith journey is about laying what you have before the Lord and be willing to commit to sharing."  
What do you find encouraging or challenging about this statement?
- What might be challenging in demonstrating or expressing love to others this week?

**PRAYER:** Thank you, Lord, for this time together. We're grateful that our mission to serve and give to others is bigger than ourselves. Help us put others first, value others the way you do, and love with action and in truth. In Jesus' Name – Amen.

**LEADERS:** Fall Fun is almost here!

- At Richmond, there are 3 weekends of crazy fun on Oct 16, 23, and 30. Volunteer as a group and enjoy the weather! Sign up [HERE](#) or email [Jordan](#). Also, on Friday Oct 14<sup>th</sup> we

need volunteers to help unload and arrange pumpkins from 10am-Noon! If you come, email Brenna Dawson at [breena@rpc.me](mailto:breena@rpc.me).

- At MC, the Not So Scary Costume Party is on Oct 30. Email [Lisette](#) for ways to serve together.
- At WE, the annual Fall Festival is on Oct 29th. Email [Michael](#) and serve as a group!