

Rock Church

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Love is Our Motivation

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This 11-week series dives into the important discipleship values that shape our church. In Part 4, three Rock Church pastors share how their lives were changed by Jesus' love and how it motivates them to love like Jesus did.

- 1. Love is our motivation to **FOLLOW GOD'S EXAMPLE** (Ephesians 5:1-2). Jesus modeled love by being with all sorts of people; he talked with them to learn more about them. You may not realize this, but people are constantly watching you and learning from your example (whether good or bad). How can you bring the Kingdom of God to the places you go (work or school, for example), to the people we meet in those spaces?
- 2. Love is our motivation to **BE A FRIEND OF SINNERS** (Mark 2:13-17). Jesus loved you so much that He laid down His life for you. Even though it may be difficult at times, how can you show extra grace to those around you who may be broken and do not know Christ as you do?
- 3. Love is our motivation to **BE ALIVE IN CHRIST** (Hebrews 12:28-29). In order for us to be more alive in Christ, something in us has to die; we need to remove old vegetation so that new life will grow. Think about a specific "thing" in your life that poses a threat in your relationship with the Lord. Will you plan this week to create a plan and take action on releasing that "thing" so that God can work through you?

This Month's Memory Verse – 1 Peter 3:15

"But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."

This Week's Bible Readings & Book Overview Videos

Leviticus 8-27: https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/leviticus/
Proverbs 5-6: https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/proverbs/

