

INSURGENCY

The God Who Breaks Chains - II

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Open in Prayer.

Review Chapter 3 of the Insurgency digital book. On Page 27 Pastor Derwin writes, “When we pray, “Your name be honored as holy,” we are affirming our allegiance to God because He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of His marvelous light (Col. 1:13). To honor or worship God is to have no other gods before Him.” Think about some other gods we may have in this modern age. Maybe we are not worshiping golden calves in the desert, but we do have other idols in our society. What are they? How can we lay these idols down?

Read Matthew 6:9-10.

We honor God as holy and embody His kingdom on earth when we:

1. Love God in response to His love toward us.

Read Luke 10:25-27.

- How do these two commandments embody all of the 10 commandments?

Read Mark 10:45.

- What was the purpose of Jesus giving his life? We have forgiveness, but we also have freedom. What good it is to be forgiven if we still live in chains? How can we embrace not only forgiveness, but also freedom?

2. Love our neighbor as ourselves.

Read Luke 10:28-29.

- Who is your neighbor?
- The man was wanting to justify his actions. Oftentimes when we ask the question, “who is my neighbor?” it is because we have missed the point entirely. Instead of asking this question with an agenda in mind, we should ask it with love and compassion in our hearts.

Chain-Breaking Love is:

1. Aware that there is injustice in the world.
2. Compassionate and intentional.

Read Luke 10:28-32.

- The road from Jerusalem to Jericho was known as “the bloody way” because it was notorious for being dangerous. The fact that the Jewish holy men were traveling downhill from Jerusalem indicates that they had already completed their temple duties and avoided the man who had been attacked, not for fear of becoming defiled, but because they lacked compassion.
- What are some current injustices in our world? How can we view these through a lens of compassion?
- How do my decisions affect others?
- How can we treat others with compassion? How can we be intentional about our actions towards others?

Read Luke 15:20.

- Remember when we read the story of the Prodigal Son, the father was filled with compassion. How did he show his compassion?

3. Cross-cultural and sacrificial.

Read Luke 10:33-35.

- Love is an action, love is worship.
- How did the Samaritan show love?
- How can we love others as an act of worship?

4. Merciful

Read Luke 10:36-37.

- How can we “go and do the same” in our communities?

5. The Good Samaritan as a picture of Jesus’ multiethnic Church.

Read Ephesians 2:14-16.

- Samaritans were Gentile and Jew in one body. How does this depict the multiethnic church?

Soul-tattoo:

1. Go love your neighbor by being a missionary.
2. Attend and Invite to 1st Wednesday Service on February 6.