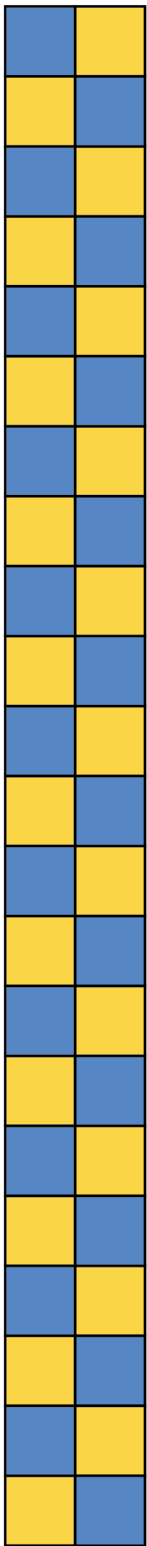


IT'S TIME FOR DIFFERENT



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Week 1 - It's Time to Love God

SERMON RECAP:

In our new sermon series, we're talking about how God calls us to a life that is different from the world. We're kicking it off with the concept of loving God completely.

There are times when people get caught up in using God and loving things. The gospel, however, calls and empowers us to love God and use things for God's glory.

We are called to love God completely, but this is only possible because God first loved us. The love displayed by God is tangible in so many ways.

Jesus: broke down the sinful wall of racism, built bridges of love, destroyed the works of the devil, rescues us from the worship of money, loves us just as we are, and invites us to join Him on His mission.

1 John 4:10 sums it up in one sentence: *Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Upward

- How do we know that God loves us? What are some examples from scripture that you can recall?
- What are ways you have seen and felt God's love in your own life?

Inward

- Read 1 John 4:20. Is there someone you are having a hard time loving? How can you allow God to lead you in forgiveness and reconciliation?
- Read 1 John 1:9. What do you need to confess to God so you can walk in the righteousness He has given you?

Outward

- Read Mark 5:18-20. The man who was healed went home and told everyone how much Jesus had done for him. Who can you share your story with?
- How does God's love for you encourage you on to live on mission with Him?

SOUL TATTOO:

The difference is this: It's not about how much you love God but how much God loves you.

ACTION STEP:

Sign up for BetterMan and For Her mid-size groups.