



LIFEGROUPS

Sermon: OMTL – Love Completely Scriptures: 1 Cor. 1:18, Col. 3:13-14 Date: Jan. 23 & 24, 2016

—[LET'S TALK]—

- If there are new people in the group for OMTL, spend some time getting to know each other.
- When was the last time you remember stopping to savor a rich moment?

—[LET'S WARM UP]—

- Are relationships really the most important thing? Why or why not?
- For you, is it easier to love others through acceptance, or challenge? Why?
- How do you handle relational hurts? Blame, forgiveness, Minnesota Nice, etc.?
- What are some attitudes our culture has toward forgiveness? What do you think?

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- Read James 2:1-13, 4:1-12 and talk about challenging and accepting others.
 1. When does James prescribe acceptance, and when does he prescribe challenge?
 2. In 2:8-10, how do you see challenge and acceptance working together for love's sake?
 3. Consider James' attitude towards his audience. Is James showing love? Why or why not?
 4. Is James hypocritical in 4:11-12? What is the difference between the way he challenges his audience and the judgement he speaks against?
- Read Psalm 103:1-6, Proverbs 15:1 and talk about the power of forgiveness.
 1. How are we to respond to God's forgiveness? What about when a person forgives us?
 2. What are some of the benefits we enjoy from forgiveness?
 3. How might forgiveness impact others?
 4. Why does God show us His forgiveness and ask us to do the same?

—[LET'S ACT]—

- Diagnose and write down what you think each important relationship in your life needs in order to be healthier. It may be as simple as spending more time together, discussing a glaring but as yet unspoken issue, or sending someone a note or email to say you're thinking about them.
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