



WEEK 4: LOVE & GOD'S INVITATION

KEY TEXT - JOHN 14:21

MESSAGE NOTES:

1. Share any thoughts or insights you had from your SOAP Journal or from your homework in the workbook on Unit 3.
2. What is the most treasured invitation you have received from another person?
3. Read Mark 1:17-19. What is surprising to you about the response to Jesus invitation? Do you think Jesus knew these men before he invited them to follow? What difference would it have made if they were strangers or if they already knew each other well?
4. How does it strike you to think that God wants to involve you in his work?
5. Reality 3 says that God is inviting us to become involved in his work. Remember that Reality 2 pointed out that God is pursuing us first to develop a love relationship with us. Read John 14:15-29. What evidence do you see in this passage of God's desire to connect with us personally?
6. There are several suggestions in this passage that if you love Jesus, you will be obedient to him. Find those references in these verses. What is the connection in your mind between love and obedience?
7. Pastor Steve pointed out a cycle of know, love, believe, trust, obey, which helps us move from Reality 2 to Reality 3. How have you observed this cycle in your own life?
8. In John 14:16-17 what help does the Holy Spirit give us in joining God in his work?
9. What encouragement does Philippians 1:6 give us?

SOAP JOURNAL EXERCISE

Read: John 15

S - Scripture - Choose one verse from the scripture above and hand write it below.

O - Observation - Describe in your own words what you think the verse is saying. Explore words and phrases and try to put down what you “see” in this verse. You can even re-write the verse in your own words.

A - Application - Write down what you should do because of what this verse says. It may be something you need to keep doing, stop doing, or start new. Make it as detailed and specific as possible.

P - Prayer - Write a prayer thanking God for speaking to you, and ask him to help you focus on what he has said and what you should do.