

Hope Chapel Series: “God will Go the Extra Mile to Bless” - Part 2

Message Summary: The single greatest defining quality of the follower of Jesus; besides Jesus Himself...is love. Possibly the greatest area of spiritual blindness that exists in the church universal today is its inability to see how unloving it has become. Our spiritual enemy works overtime at this issue. I call this the great relational heresy of the church. Following Jesus without love. By God’s grace, today we establish our lives with love so that God will bless.

**Establish Your Life with LOVE:
God will Bless**

1. Start with the right definition of love - 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

- A. Agree with God’s definition of love.**
- B. Use God’s definition of love to define yourself.**

2. Learn to guard your heart - Proverbs 4:23

- A. Identify the enemies of your heart**
- B. Practical ways to guard your heart**

3. Grow beyond your past

- A. Ask God to show you your heart - Psalm 139:23-24**
- B. Get outside perspective - Proverbs 12:15**

4. Risk loving others.

- A. Ask for God’s love in you - Philippians 2:13**
- B. Accept loving others is not pain free - Matthew 5:43-44**
- C. Daily align your life to love - Romans 5:5**

LifeGroup Questions:

BEGIN IT – (5min) Praise song and opening prayer.

OPEN IT- (10min) What is one of your favorite childhood memories about Valentine's Day?

EXPLORE IT- (60min) Review Sunday's sermon outline together and add addition notes people made about the message.

1. How important is it to build our lives with love according to I Corinthians 13:1-3? Why do you think many Christians struggle so much with living out this type of love?
2. How do you feel when you use I Corinthians 13:4-7 to describe yourself?
3. How can you learn to better guard your heart so you can build your life with love?
4. How do you see your past influencing how you understand and show love? How does your past influence how you receive love? What are you doing to grow beyond your past?

APPLY IT- (15min) How can you practically risk loving others so God will bless? Spend the remaining time praying for each other to experience and express love.