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Seeing & Hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Small Group Questions — The Week of August 1, 2021

Sermon Overview: In our culture, the concept of love is often sappy and cliché. When we hear the word “love,” we typically think of red hearts, romantic comedies, and feelings that are fleeting. But in the Gospel of Mark, the love that Jesus calls us to is anything but cliché. For Jesus, love is defined by whole-hearted devotion, radical obedience, and caring for our neighbors with sacrificial kindness. This kind of love is the heart of the Gospel: we are commanded to love, we are condemned by our failure to love, and we are forgiven because of the greatest love the world has ever known. Join us this Sunday as we continue our series in the Gospel of Mark and find out why love is the greatest commandment.

Scripture Reading: Mark 12:28-34

1. When you hear the word “love,” what do you think of? What has most shaped your understanding of love?
2. What does it mean to love God? What does love have to do with obedience?
3. Why is sin a failure to love God? What are some ways that you have failed to love God?
4. What does it mean to love your neighbor? Who is your neighbor?
5. What are some ways you have failed to love your neighbor?
6. How did Jesus fulfill the command to love God and neighbor at the cross?