



SERIES BIG IDEA:

Jesus used culturally relevant stories to share timeless kingdom truths to lead people to God.

True freedom is found when we turn to the Lord, lift the veil, and become more like Jesus, our Lord.

¹⁶ But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

2 Corinthians 3:16 (NLT)

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ **Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.**

1 John 3:16-18 (NIV) emphasis added

Love is meeting people where they are at and walking alongside them.

⁵ And consider the example that Jesus, the Anointed One, has set before us. Let his mindset become your motivation. ⁶ He existed in the form of God, yet he gave no thought to seizing equality with God as his supreme prize. ⁷ Instead he emptied himself of his outward glory by reducing himself to the form of a lowly servant. He became human!

Philippians 2:5-7 (TPT)

Jesus came to meet us where we are.

God wants to adopt us. He wants us to be in His family permanently.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:16-17 (NIV)

“Our calling is to love like God because we have first been loved by Him—and to trust Him with the outcomes.”

Jason Johnson, Reframing Foster Care p. 94

No matter how many times we reject God’s love and we run away, He is always there ready to receive us.

³⁸ And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. ³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39 (NLT)

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

God wants me because He loves me, so He paid the price to adopt me into His family.

¹⁴ “For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. ¹⁵ Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Abba, Father.””

Romans 8:14-15 NLT



INSTANT FAMILY

FOSTER CARE PANEL

June 25, 6:00-7:30pm at Westside Family Church

Are you interested in supporting kids in foster care, or want to but don't know where to start? Join us as we interview a panel of foster care parents from our church family. You will hear their stories and discover ways to support foster families. This will also help those who are interested in becoming a foster family.

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TEACHING SUMMARY:

Sometimes we only see what we want to see. True freedom is found when we turn to the Lord, lift the veil that keeps us from seeing what He wants us to see, and become more like Jesus.

We see Jesus model love by meeting us where we are at and walking alongside us. By assuming human form, Jesus came to meet us where we are at. He walks with us everyday and wants us to be a permanent member of his family because he loves us.

The high price that God paid through giving up his only son as a sacrifice is only worth it when we accept our invitation to be adopted into the family of God.

TALK-IT-OVER:

What are some things that make your family special?

What are some things that make God's family stand out?

How does it feel to know that God either has or wants to adopt you into his family?

What is one next step you can take today?

Who do you need to tell about what you've learned?

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING:

Day 1) Luke 4:17-19

Day 2) Isaiah 61:1-3

Day 3) John 8:31-36

Day 4) Ephesians 2:1-10

Day 5) 2 Corinthians 5:16-18

Day 6) John 10:27-29