



PART 3: LOVE

INTRODUCTION

Arguably, our last words will be some of our most important and memorable. Last words encapsulate all that we're about--the purpose and mission of our lives. In his final words on the cross, Jesus sums up four of the most important spiritual issues we will ever face.

BIBLE VERSES

John 19:25-27

Matthew 12:50

Romans 15:1-2

Galatians 6:10

1 Timothy 5:3-4

Philippians 2:5

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think of a time when somebody went out of their way to meet a need you had. How did that make you feel?
2. What is the cost of all the things around you constantly fighting for (and winning) your attention?
3. Pastor Will taught that the best question we can ask to make the greatest difference in others' lives is "How can I help?" Do you agree? Why or why not?
4. Who do you need to ask, "How can I help?" this week?
5. Have you been resisting help from others? If so, how can you take a step towards receiving help this week?
6. Pastor Will said, "One of the most mature next steps you can take is to exercise the muscle of empathy." What are 3 specific ways you can show empathy towards others this week?

MOVING FORWARD

Learning to love people like Jesus loved people is essential to your spiritual growth. And one of the healthiest things you can do both spiritually and emotionally right now is to ask others, "How can I help?" Asking this question gets our eyes off of ourselves and helps us to focus on others. One practical way everybody can help is to simply ask "how can I pray for you?" Be aware of the people you are around this week and make an intentional effort to pay attention to them, find out how you can help them, and take a step towards meeting their needs even if yours aren't met.