

THE MISSING PEACE

Part 5 of 5: *Burning Love*

APPETIZER: Love Changes the Script

Love is...

Love is the choice to invest value, attention, and energy in a specific direction.

1 John 2:15; 2 Timothy 4:10

Love is NOT...

DINE IN: Heaping Coals of Love

Romans 12:17-21

Matthew 5:38-41

2 Kings 6:21-23



Fire purifies. It burns away the dross, the impurities.

Isaiah 6:5-6; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

Proverbs 15:1

THE STORY OF RUBY BRIDGES...

“When they looked at me, they didn’t see a little girl.
They saw change. And that scared them.”
~ Ruby Bridges

TAKE OUT: Your Mission, Should You Chose To Accept It

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
~ The Apostle Paul (Romans 12:21)

This is how God works.
This is how Jesus saves.
This is how the Church lives.

NEXT WEEK!

Dr. Katharine Hayhoe! (Look her up – you’ll love what you discover!
(Then invite your friends!)

TWO WEEKS AWAY!

Blind Religion! (Another great series to invite your friends to.)

Home Church Questions

HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. After reviewing the sermon, talk about anything that stood out to you in this message and/or the whole series.

HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

2. Read **Romans 12:17-21**.
 - a. What verse or idea stands out to you?
 - b. How is the way of Jesus, that Paul is helping the church live out here, different to the way of the world? List as many examples as you can of the difference between living as a good Christian vs a good Canadian.
 - c. Why do you think Paul wants us to care about what is right “in the eyes of everyone”? What if “everyone” around us thinks it is right to do wrong things?
 - d. What if loving our enemies doesn’t seem to heap burning coals of conviction or self-awareness or repentance on their head? What if they take advantage of our peaceful ways and only turn up the persecution? How does love respond to this kind of situation?
 - e. In what ways is the birth of Jesus a script changer, a creative interrupter, and an opportunity to see things differently?

HUDDLE [Making it Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

3. Talk about what God has been teaching you through this series, including specific changes you know you should be or are already making. Then pray for one another.