

Crazy Love – Video #4  
Sunday August 27, 2023

1. Short opening prayer (one person or popcorn style prayer)
2. Group sharing time (time for everyone to talk about what is going on and how they are)
3. Read quote on pg. 65
4. Read Matthew 13:44. We should treasure God and God's love like that man treasured the pearl he found ... giving it all away for it.
5. Is this how enthusiastic we usually are for God? Discuss.
6. Read quote on pg. 68. Is the church (even this church) fertile ground to truly pursue Christ with all our hearts?
7. He says lukewarm Christians: (go through these as far or as deliberately as you want)
  - a. Attend church regularly. Isaiah 29:13
  - b. Give money to the church and charities as long as it doesn't impinge upon their standard of living. Luke 21:1-4.
  - c. Choose what is popular over what is right when those things are in conflict. Luke 6:26
  - d. Don't want to be saved from their sin ... only the penalty of their sin. Romans 6:1-2
  - e. Are moved by people who do radical things for Christ but never do them for themselves. James 1:22, James 4:17.
  - f. Do not share their faith with their neighbors, coworkers, or others. Matthew 10:32-33.
  - g. Gauge their morality by comparing themselves to the rest of the world. Luke 18:11-12.
  - h. Only let Jesus in control of part of their lives ... not fully. Luke 9:57-62.
  - i. Love God, but not with all their heart, soul, strength, and mind. Matthew 22:37-38.
  - j. Love others, but not as much as they love themselves. Matthew 5:43-47.
  - k. Are thankful for their luxuries, but rarely give as much as they can to the poor. Matthew 25:34, 40.
  - l. Do the bare necessity to keep from feeling guilty. 1 Chronicles 29:14.
  - m. Are consumed with playing it safe. Matthew 10:28.
  - n. Feel secure because they made a profession of faith in Christ, were baptized, or belong to just the right political party or group. Matthew 7:21.
  - o. Probably drink and swear less than the average person, but aren't any different otherwise. Matthew 23:25-28.
8. Francis says that all of these things are not meant to be used as ammunition to accuse others or judge them. Rather, they are intended for us to read and examine our lives and our faith looking at where we can still grow. He reminds us that we are all in this transformation process.
9. Luke 14:31-33. Jesus reminds us that when we decide to become Christians this is an "all in" mentality. We aren't called to do it halfway or halfheartedly.
10. Watch the video for week 4.
11. Before the closing prayer, have a couple minutes of silent prayer. Use that time to examine how committed you are to your faith right now. Then, pray to God and recommit yourself ... turn over all your life to God by choosing to follow Christ again.
12. Closing prayer