

Crazy Love – Video #7

Sunday September 17, 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. Week 7
 - a. The active choice we make on pg. 113 between giving Christ our all or our leftovers
 - i. Honestly, have you made a clear and concise choice to give all your life to Christ ... to not give any leftovers?
 - ii. What stops you or makes it hard?
 - iii. Do you make that commitment but find yourself falling back on it?
 - b. What does this giving all to God look like? How will you know that you have fully committed yourself to Christ and his kingdom?
 - i. Chan says look at Hebrews 11 which covers the people of faith who have gone before us.
 - ii. Talk about the acts of faith of these people.
 - c. Jesus was the ultimate example of giving all to God ... see pg. 117
 - i. What all did Jesus give up to give everything to God?
 - d. 1 John 3:16-20 ... shows the commitment we should be living
 - 16-17 This is how we've come to understand and experience love: Christ sacrificed his life for us. This is why we ought to live sacrificially for our fellow believers, and not just be out for ourselves. If you see some brother or sister in need and have the means to do something about it but turn a cold shoulder and do nothing, what happens to God's love? It disappears. And you made it disappear.

When We Practice Real Love

18-20 My dear children, let's not just talk about love; let's practice real love. This is the only way we'll know we're living truly, living in God's reality. It's also the way to shut down debilitating self-criticism, even when there is something to it. For God is greater than our worried hearts and knows more about us than we do ourselves.

- i. How can we "practice real love?"
 - ii. Can you think of other Biblical characters who practiced real love?
 - e. Many scriptures and stories in the NT show that if we are fully committed to Christ, then we are giving of our time, money, etc.
 - i. Story on pg. 122 about God who gave his house to his church and lived with his parents
4. Watch week #7 video
 - a. Discuss any questions or thoughts you have.
5. Closing prayer
 - a. Have a moment of silence for each person to recommit themselves totally to Christ.