You Are Really Loved How To Never Question God's Love

Review This Week's Sermon Review Key Scriptures

Romans 8:31-36 CSB

"What, then, are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He did not even spare his own Son but gave him up for us all. How will he not also with him grant us everything? Who can bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies. Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is the one who died, but even more, has been raised; he also is at the right hand of God and intercedes for us. Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: Because of you we are being put to death all day long; we are counted as sheep to be slaughtered."

<u>Isaiah 53:3-7 CSB</u>

"He was despised and rejected by men, a man of suffering who knew what sickness was. He was like someone people turned away from; he was despised, and we didn't value him. Yet he himself bore our sicknesses, and he carried our pains; but we in turn regarded him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced because of our rebellion, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on him, and we are healed by his wounds. We all went astray like sheep; we all have turned to our own way; and the Lord has punished him for the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth. Like a lamb led to the slaughter and like a sheep silent before her shearers, he did not open his mouth."

2 Corinthians 5:21 CSB

"He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

Romans 8:37-39 CSB

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

• Share one of the times in your life that you felt or imagined as being <u>completely</u> loved.

Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Read <u>Romans 8:31-36</u>. When Paul says that God gives us "everything," what does that include? What do you find yourself wanting that God doesn't promise to give you?
- How has God proven that His love is not limited by your actions?

Start sharing. Ask questions to create openness.

- When you feel unloved, what/where/who do you turn to instead of God?
- Read <u>Isaiah 53:3-7</u>. When you read of Christ's suffering, how does your heart respond? Conviction? Emotion? Apathy? Do you truly believe Christ suffered this way, and do you believe he did it for you?
- Jesus was a willing sacrifice in God's plan for reconciling us to himself. How willing are we to let God use us, even if that means we will suffer?
- How does God use suffering in our lives for His purposes?
- Do you believe God pulls away from His children, or do you believe our sin makes us feel distant from God?
- Jesus is constantly interceding for us. What do you think He's praying about on your behalf? What is He "saving you completely" from?

Start praying together. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, sometimes we struggle to believe in and receive your love. We know that you loved us so much that you sent your Son to die for us! So when we begin to feel distant, help us to examine if there is sin in our lives. Help us to claim the promise that nothing can keep us away from your love. And from the midst of the beauty of your love, let us love one another with selflessness and compassion. - Amen

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Take a moment and list out what/where/who you turn to when you feel unloved. Who/What do you put your hope in to fill that void?
- Pick one of the Key Scriptures from this sermon, write it out, and commit to memorizing it this week for when you are feeling unloved.
- Start the *God's Love Endures Forever* Bible Plan using the YouVersion Bible app or online <u>God's Love Endures Forever</u>
- Consider how you could love God and love others by serving during the week or weekend https://www.atharvest.church/serve