

August 20, 2023 - All You Need is Love!: How Religion Gets Love Wrong

Welcome to the start of a new sermon series at Fondren Church! Take some time to ask and answer some or all of the questions below.

Be sure to spend some time going over the Top 3 things your group members need to know.

Connect:

Robert started with a quote from Peter Drucker, *“When the rate of change outside the organization exceeds the rate of change inside the organization, the organization dies.”* Is change easy or hard for you?

Should the church change as the world changes?

In what ways should the church change? In what ways should the church not change?

Engage:

Read Acts 11:26

What do you think the Church could look like if “Christian” was more of a verb than a noun?

What type of verbs should describe the action of the Church?

Robert outlined three mindsets that people can have about the Church.

- Restaurant : Feed Me
- Theatre : Entertain Me
- Pharmacy : Fix Me

Which of these mindsets have you most often been guilty of possessing?

Read Luke 7:36-39, 40-47

Robert reminded us that “Jesus chooses the sinner.” How does your view of Jesus change when you remember that He often “picks the people we wouldn’t pick”?

What did the woman discover about Jesus that evoked this type of faith?

Simon missed opportunities to honor Jesus and demonstrate his love in this passage. In what ways do we miss opportunities to honor Jesus in our own lives? How can we demonstrate our LOVE and honor for Christ in our daily lives?

We see the mark of true faith in the woman as being willing to be risky and extravagant in her love. In what ways would you say that your faith is like this and in what ways would you say your faith is not?

Could it be that the secret of love is in receiving? Robert shared that the secret to loving is living loved. What makes it difficult for us to receive love? How can we live life “loved”?

Apply:

How did the early church succeed? Love did its work.

In what ways can we partner with one another to allow love to do its work in and through us?

Happy people have happy relationships: Where are you looking for your happiness?

What can you do this week to foster joy, happiness and love within the relationships in your life?

Top 3:

Serve Day | September 23

Serve Day is a day where people from Fondren Church serve alongside ministries all over the Jackson-Metro. We have ways for people of all ages and abilities to make a difference together. More info and registration coming soon!

Membership Class | September 24 after the 11am Worship Service

Membership is a way for our church leadership and church members to make promises to one another as we seek God's best for Fondren Church together. The first step in becoming a member is to attend a membership class. In the class, you'll learn more about the history of our church, our leadership structures, and the ways we promise to care for you as a church member. You can sign up and get more information at fondrenchurch.com/events.

Missions Prayer Guide

We want to join in the work that our Missions Partners are doing by praying alongside them. We hope you can use this prayer guide as a group or an individual in your devotional life. Each week, the guide will highlight a new partner or a nation that a partner works in. You can find this guide on our homepage at fondrenchurch.com.