

## **September 10, 2023 - All You Need is Love! Love Is Not Irritable**

Feel free to pick and choose some of the questions below to engage with as a group.  
Be sure to spend some time going over the **Top 3** things your group members need to know.

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### **Connect:**

“An irritant is anything or anyone that brings frustration in your life or thwarts your will.”

How often do you find yourself irritated?

When you find yourself irritated, is it a passing moment or is irritability a constant in your life?

“Your mood is deeply attached to your spiritual condition.”

Do you agree or disagree with this point?

When was a time that you found that your ability to live out your faith was weakened by your mood?

### **Engage:**

Robert referenced something from a book about the way the following emotions can give us false thoughts:

- Guilt says, “I owe you.”
- Greed says, “I owe me.”
- Envy says, “God owes me.”
- Anger says, “You owe me.”

Which of these positions do you identify with the most and why?

How has that mindset negatively shaped your life?

### **Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

“It does not keep a record of wrongs”

How often are you guilty of keeping a record of other people’s wrongs?

How does keeping this record impact the way that you live?

### **Read Philippians 4:8-9**

Robert told us that “Love keeps a record of what is right.”

What can change about the way we live when we hold onto what is right instead of holding onto what is wrong?

### **Read 1 Samuel 18:8 & 1 Samuel 20:34**

When is a time in your life or the life of someone else when you have seen godly anger produce a good thing in the world?

### **Apply:**

As Robert closed the sermon, he told us that “Love drops the rock.” What is the “rock” you need to drop? What is a grievance, irritant, insult, or record that you’ve held onto that you need to work to let go of?

“You have more control of your thought life than you can ever know.”

What do you need to do this week to cultivate a mind of godliness?

### **Top 3:**

#### **Serve Day | September 23**

Serve Day is a day when 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. Check out the sign-up form at: <https://fcconnect.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/377/responses/new> to view the options to serve our community together and choose what best suits you or your group.

#### **About Fondren | Sunday, September 17, following each service.**

Be sure to stop by the tables after each service in the Commons for a chance to meet people, ask questions, get an overview of key areas of our church, and discover ways for you and others to get involved. This is a great place to point friends or community members that might be interested in learning more about Fondren Church.

#### **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](http://fondrenchurch.com/events).