



**Love Redefined**

*NorthRidge Church*

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## God's Plan for the Church

A Great Beginning

The Progression/Digression through the Ages

The Hope of the Reformation

## What Happened?

Love was \_\_\_\_\_

What we \_\_\_\_\_ became more essential than what we \_\_\_\_\_.

Why . . . There is a little \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ of us.

## Now What?

God's love for us and for those around must \_\_\_\_\_ our consciences and \_\_\_\_\_ our behaviors.

We ask . . . What does \_\_\_\_\_ ?

## Truth for Life

For the week of April 17, 2016

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. When you hear the word “religion,” what comes to mind? Why?
2. What are some of the cultural consequence of people viewing Christians as judgmental and obsessed with rules instead of as a radically loving community?
3. During the message, Pastor David said, “Our consciences determine religious realities, whether they reflect reality or not.” Our religious, moral, ethical development has shaped how we view what is right or wrong. Have you ever believed something was Biblically right or wrong only to find out later the exact opposite? What was it? How did that affect you? How did that shift affect your relationship with God?
4. Who is one person you need to start being *for* without demanding anything in return? What stands in the way of you loving that person? What is one thing you can do this week to better love the person you identified in the previous question?

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Love was **Lost**

What we **believe** became more essential than what we **do**.

Why . . . There is a little **Religious Model** in **all** of us

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God's love for us and for those around must **inform** our consciences and **shape** our behaviors.

We ask . . . What does **Love Require of Me?**

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