



Applying Love to the Norms of Faith

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As I have loved you, so you must love one another. – John 13:34

Many of the things the _____ about the church ought to be the things the church also _____.

The Command of Jesus is far less _____, but it is far more _____.

Love Applied to Faith Norms

The Church – is a _____, not a _____
Cp. 1 Corinthians 12:27

Authority – is exercised for the benefit of _____,
not the _____
Cp. Matthew 20:20-27; John 13:15-16

Marriage – is characterized by _____,
not by _____
Cp. Matthew 19:1-12; Ephesians 5:21

Spirituality – is measured by how well _____,
not by how much _____
Cp. Galatians 5:22-23

Holiness – is about being _____, not by
being _____
Cp. John 1:1, 14; Matthew 28:19-20

Truth for Life

For the week of May 1, 2016

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Do you tend to define the word “church” as a “house of God” or an “assembly of people”? Talk about the people, places, and events that have shaped your definition of “church.”
2. Talk about a time when you’ve seen someone use the Bible as a bat against someone else. How did it affect the person on the receiving end? How did it affect you?
3. In what area of your life—the way you use authority, behave in your marriage, or view holiness—are you most tempted to drift into the Religious Model? What are some things love requires of you in that area of your life?
4. Read John 13:1–17. What do you think this example set by Jesus means for your life? What are some ways you need to wash more feet?
5. During the message, Pastor David said, “Holy people have dirty hands. Dirty is the new holy.” On whose behalf do you need to get your hands dirty? What is one thing you can do this week to actively love that person or group of people? How can your Community Group support you?

Memory Verse

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Cp. 1 Corinthians 12:27

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