

Supernatural Shift to love all, October 17-20

WHY LEARNING COMMUNITIES? **Circle Two Opportunity...**

To become better and better disciples of Christ TOGETHER so we can face **anything** through...

1. Deeper learning of Biblical truth
2. Stronger “iron sharpening iron” relationships

Ephesians 4:12–16 (ESV)

HOUSEKEEPING:

- Saturday Men’s Study and Workday
- Oct. 26 Women’s Conference – pray for transformation

PERSPECTIVE:

- † Living lives of love in obedience to Jesus requires a *supernatural shift*
- † Jesus commands us to love ALL people – *No other option!*
- † Love is doing what is best for all according to the Bible
 - 1 **John 4:10-11 (ESV)** ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
 - Philippians 2:3–4 (ESV)** ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.
- ➔ “doing” – action, not feelings; a verb more than a noun
- ➔ “best” – highest good, best interests, God’s desires
- ➔ “all” – not just for me or a few people, but all involved
- ➔ “according to the Bible” – as God defines, RSU from USD world
- † The correct response to Jesus’ commands to love: _____.
When we come to “can’t,” we make one of two choices: 1. Give up or 2. Go to God for “how?”

QUESTIONS:

- ✓ Who is God assigning you to **supernaturally** love? angst as indicator
- ✓ Are we cherry picking Jesus’ commands? (selecting the best or most desirable)
- ✓ Does every person we encounter experience God’s love through us?
- ✓ Who is God assigning you to love that you are demonizing?

ACTIONS:

As we seek God to make a supernatural shift from hurt, anger, demonizing to seeing through God’s eyes...

- † Refuse to be pulled into ER emotions; act in HR love
- † Refuse to complain about; instead pray for
- † Refuse to view as evil; ask God to give you His eyes

Learning Community APPLICATION: *Acts 7-9 as models for loving those we demonize* with Jesus’ love

Person/People

Hurt by (anger, fear)

Human response

Supernatural love actions

Stephen's loved ones, Jerusalem Church,
Acts 7:54-60

Saul
Acts 8:1-3, 9:1-9

Ananias
Acts 9:10-18

**Barnabas/
Jerusalem church**
Acts 9:26-28;
11:21-26

You/ NS Church

Takeaways...