

Lifegroup Notes

Week 3 – ‘Awakening to Love’ Sunday 21st January

Welcome - Where have you seen examples of love in action recently whether it's on the news, TV, or your own life?

Word - The third awakening is an awakening to love.

- In what ways do we use the word 'love' and how can that distort our view of what genuine love really is?
- When we think of the unconditional love of God, what questions come into people's minds if they were really honest?

The younger son in the story we are studying has a shadow that follows him home, read the verses....Luke 15 v.17-19.

- What is the shadow that's following him home?
- How can this play out in our lives if we let the shadow shape our relationship with God? Now Read v.20.
- How does this impact you?
- Discuss what was shared Sunday about the practice of Kezazah and how this scene might have played out and the power of seeing the father running towards his son.

Unpack this powerful quote....

“His goodness is above our ability to comprehend but not above our ability to experience” - Bill Johnson

- In what ways have you experienced God's goodness and His love?

Read verse 22, discuss the meaning of each of the items the father gave his son.

1. The robe, the symbol of identity
 2. The ring, the symbol of authority
 3. The sandals, the symbol of security
- Why are these so important in how we live our lives?
 - What are some of our struggles with these concepts?

Read some other verses that help us go deeper into these issues.....

Gal 5 v.1 / Eph. 1 v. 3 - 8 / John 1 v.12 / 1 Peter 2 v.9

- In what ways might we live differently if we really embraced these truths?

Finish by praying for one another that you would experience the love and goodness of God. As you pray be open to speak into each other's lives, words of blessing, encouragement, share scriptures, pictures etc.

Pray for the Alpha courses that have begun at Halesowen and Hagley as around 40 new people start exploring faith!