

Echo Newsletter February 2019

How Then... Should we Love?

Love, sweet love, that's the one thing that there's just too little of. I've heard those lyrics by Hal David (performed by Jackie DeShannon) throughout my life. They are praiseworthy lyrics, ones that people nod their heads in agreement to. The world does need love.. More love than ever. But what kind of love? That's an important question as well. Because, how we answer that question actually let's us know if the love we choose to show people is biblically based or worldly centered.

Worldly love has become about emotion and empathy at the expense of the truth, but this isn't real love. That type of love is a hollow shell of authentic love. For love to be true and proper it must be couched in truth and for truth to be effective it must be softened by love. The apostle Paul speaks of this in conjunction with spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 13. This is a fact of the Christian life that too many main stream Christians have let go of. We have decided to sacrifice truth in the name of love as a response to too many years of sacrificing love for the truth. The real truth is neither truth nor love can be effective without each other. In fact, a biblical form of love and truth MUST be joined together in order to be effective. Jesus displays this in how he speaks to his disciples, he tells them that he is the way the truth and the life but he also tells them that people won't recognize them as his disciples unless they love on another! In January we looked at truth and now, in February, we will see how truth affords us the ability to love as Christ loved us.

As always, if you have any questions and concerns please contact me at josh@crosspointbible.org or in the office at (402) 571-3161.

"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal."

- 1 Corinthians 13:1

- Pastor Josh



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FEBRUARY TOPICS

What we're talking about:

- 3rd Super Bowl Party!
- 10th Valentines Banquet*
- * 17th How then... Should we Love
- 24th Student Leader Night (Seniors)**

Reverb Bible Study Schedule

Reverb is an every other Sunday Bible Study held after youth group from 8:30pm-9:15pm. We will be holding Reverb on February 17th and 24th.

*On Sunday, February 10th we will be having a Valentines Banquet! We will be catering food and having a small program. Formal dress has been requested by the Student Leaders... Dress Shirt and Slacks for guys and Dresses for girls.

** On February 24th our Senior student leaders will be planning the youth group night, music, games, lesson... everything! So come ready to hear what God has laid on their hearts!

Our 2018-19 School year Student Leaders are: Sarah Bartsch, Logan Boeker, Ben Brindamour, Isaac Dorenkamp, Gabe Farrington, Noah Krehbiel, Sarah Krehbiel, Samantha Lee, Grace Mattox, Hannah Schafer, Molly Schnitker and Shaylee Yates.

Sophomores at the Klein's

We're actually doing it this time! On February 18th
Sharalee and I would like to invite all 10th graders to our home! Please let pastor Josh know if you can attend asap so we can get the food we need in time! The address is 12912
Curtis Avenue Omaha, NE 68164.



TAKE 3

One: What do you feel like you learned about love on the 17th?

Two: What aspects of truth do you or your friends tend to struggle with?

Three: What do you think we can do better to live out our faith as a family?