

CrossPoint Community Guide

November 23—Losing to Live | Surrendering Relationships

DINNER & DELIGHT (» 45 MIN)

How did it go with last week's practice? Say out loud, "*I am not*_____, *I am God's beloved.*"

LEARN AND STUDY (» 15 MIN)

Study/Observation Questions. Read Matthew 10v32-39

- How did this passage/sermon challenge my assumptions and beliefs?
- According to this passage, what is the difference between loving others and making them ultimate?
- What happens to relationships when identity is rooted in anything other than Jesus?

PRACTICE AND IMPLEMENT (» 45 MIN)

Practice now:

- Have you ever experienced discord in relationships because of your allegiance to Jesus?
- We cannot give what we do not possess. Love must flow from who we are becoming *in Christ*, not from fear or insecurity.
 - Do you tend to show up in relationships as the real you, or as the version you hope others will accept?
 - Where do you feel tempted to perform?
- How do we grow in an identity rooted in Jesus? Tell the group one way you want to grow in your relationship with Jesus this week. Take your first step toward this now.
 - Sign up for an hour of 24/7 Prayer (possibly invite someone to do this with you)
 - Engage in daily quiet time with Jesus through the Bible (set an alarm to do this daily)
 - Meet and pray with someone who can listen to the ways you need to surrender relationships (think about a godly friend you could ask into this).
 - Discuss a possible Love the Valley project and make a plan to complete it in December (delegate roles to accomplish this together)!

Practice this week:

- Touch base with your group about what you commit to practice this week!

REFLECT & PRAY (» 15min)

- Reflect on and pray Psalm 100 together out loud. Happy Thanksgiving!
Let the whole earth shout triumphantly to the Lord!
Serve the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
Acknowledge that the Lord is God.
He made us, and we are his—
his people, the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him and bless his name.
For the Lord is good, and his faithful love endures forever;
his faithfulness, through all generations.

The Scriptures for next week: Matthew 26v36-46