

Dec. Memory Verse: "And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Series: Jesus Gives Better Love (36)

Title: Leading Love

Matthew 28:16-18 ESV

Scripture: Hebrews 13:7-19

1. Who are you following? (vs. 7-9)

- a. Are they lovingly following Jesus?
- b. Is their faith worth imitating?
- c. What are they teaching?
 - i. Strange and diverse or full of sound truth and grace?
 - 1. Strange is attractive because it is unusual, but ultimately it leads us astray.

The world currently teaches that types of food you eat are moral or immoral and teaches that sexuality is amoral (it is not moral or immoral).

Jesus and His truth and grace are the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Mark 7:14-23)

2. Where do you get your satisfaction and peace from? (vs. 9-11)

- a. External matters cannot strengthen or save us.
- b. We are saved and strengthened by grace, not external things.
- c. New Covenant Christians are strengthened by feeding on Christ.

3. Are you following Jesus? (vs. 12-16)

- a. Jesus lovingly leads us to personal suffering.
- b. Jesus lovingly leads us to personal sacrifice.
- c. Jesus lovingly leads us to personal satisfaction.

- 4. Who are you leading in love? (vs. 13-19)
 - 1) You lead others by GOING out of the camp to tell the good news.
 - 2) You lead others by praising the Lord with your lips and your body.
 - 3) You lead others by giving your time, treasures, and talents sacrificially.
 - 4) You lead others by following Jesus well (reading the Word).
 - 5) You lead others by submitting to trustworthy Biblical leaders.
 - a) Leaders who faithfully teach God's Word.
 - b) Leaders who are accountable to those they lead.
 - c) Leaders who lovingly watch over your souls.
 - d) Leaders who lead with joy and do not groan.
 - 6) You lead others by praying for and with one another.
 - 7) You lead others by living with integrity and honor.
 - 8) You lead others by sharing Christ with your neighbors and the nations.