

Morning Lesson

LOVE IN ACTION

Matt. 22:36-39

INTRO:

1. Everyone seems to be in favor of love until you define it according to God's word.
2. We hear about equality and love, yet actions of inequality and lack of love seem to be the loudest voices in the room.
3. We are to love in action while living in an unloving world. **Matt. 22:36-39**
4. God has told us how to live: in active love.
1 John 3:16-18 (Project Unify)

I. LOVE IN ACTION IS SELF-SACRIFICING.

- A. Jesus laid down his life and asks us to do the same. **1 John 3:16**
- B. His sacrifice is for our sins and our sacrifice is for his glory.

II. LOVE IN ACTION IS PERSONAL.

- A. Love is seen in the action we take with what we have when we see a brother or sister in need. **1 John 3:17**
- B. No other action is equal to love. **John 3:16**

III. LOVE IN ACTION IS COUPLED WITH TRUTH.

- A. Love coupled with truth is who Jesus is and what he has done is the real answer for the conflicts and circumstances we face.
1 John 3:18
- B. Love in word only is not love.
- C. Love is action.

IV. LOVE IN ACTION IS BEING LIKE JESUS.

- A. God is love and whoever lives in love lives in God and God in them. **1 John 4:16, 17**
- B. We are to follow in his steps. **1 Pet. 2:21**

CONC:

1. "Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world."
2. And so must we.