

Kenmore Baptist Church Message Outline

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Global Love Local #4 – Love That is Sustained

Sustained Love

It's all about discipleship.

“And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matt 28:18-20 (ESV)

Jesus commissioned us to make disciples, not converts

Borneo – our work with the Indigenous people in Sabah & Sarawak.

The Problem we have

Three icons.

We are constantly challenged by our culture and environment.

What is lost when we look for the quick fix?
What do we give away?
What do we lose by taking short-cuts?

- ¹ Remember, O LORD, what has befallen us;
look, and see our disgrace!
- ² Our inheritance has been turned over to strangers,
our homes to foreigners.
- ³ We have become orphans, fatherless;
our mothers are like widows.
- ⁴ We must pay for the water we drink;
the wood we get must be bought.
- ⁵ Our pursuers are at our necks;
we are weary; we are given no rest.

- Lamentations 5:1-5

Missional Context

What is our approach to mission?
A shot in the arm and a gospel tract doesn't mean our work is done.
We can't airdrop supplies & bibles, and think we're fulfilling the great commission.

This applies at home as much as it does for overseas.

The Solution

Relationship

Committed, long term, covenant relationships.
Beyond needs and wants, beyond agendas and biases.
Deep, connected, knowing-ness of one another.

Covenant relationship

The Bible is all based around covenant

John 14:15 -21

John 14:18: “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

Covenant demonstrated - 1 John 4:19-21

1 John 4:20:

“If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.”

Remembering

Joshua 4:1-3, 5-7, 19-24

Joshua 4:21-22: “When your children ask their fathers in times to come, ‘What do these stones mean?’²² then you shall let your children know, ‘Israel passed over this Jordan on dry ground.’

Memorial Stones

Questions for Discussion

1. How have you seen and/or experienced a demonstration of a love that is sustained?
2. What would it mean to you to experience that kind of love?
3. Can you see the difference between disciples and converts? What are some of the important distinctions for you?
4. How have you experienced cross-cultural mission?
5. How has it impacted your home life?
6. How do you handle the busyness of life?
7. To what degree does your culture impact you? And you it?
8. To what extent do you think you’ve lost something to the crowded and fast-paced nature of our culture?

9. What does God's covenant relationship with you mean to you personally?
And to the people around you?
10. What does the revelation of God's love to us – not leaving us as orphans – mean to your missional approach to life?
11. How does passion for God transfer to passion for others in your life?
12. What are some of the memory stones in your life?