Famous Love: Love Chooses

Introduction

What comes to mind when you think about the phrase, ‘famous love?’

The Text: 1 Corinthians 13:1-10 (NKJV)

The Schedule

Love Chooses – December 7 (1 Corinthians 13:4-7) (Greg Mazak)
Love Wins – December 14 (1 Corinthians 13:8) (modified Rob Bell)
Love Does – December 21 (1 Corinthians 13:1-8) (Bob Goff)

Knowledge Objectives

1. To see a biblical view of love
2. To debunk common beliefs about love
3. To know the greatest lover of all time: God

Love Chooses

Greater than ninety percent of this lesson came from Dr. Greg Mazak’s sermon, “Choosing to Love.” You can listen to it on SermonAudio.com.

Introduction

You fall in love and then you get married, right?

Points

1. A biblical marriage is not based on being in _______

   Genesis 2:18, 21-24

   Was Adam in love with Eve? Was Eve in love with Adam?

   What is a biblical marriage based on? Malachi 2:14
2. A biblical marriage is a ______________ before God

   What is a covenant? A covenant is a legally binding ______________

   Definition: Marriage is a covenant of ________________________ (cf. Proverbs 2:16-17; Ezekiel 16:8)

3. A biblical marriage must include the __________ to love, whether you are in _______ or not

   Ephesians 5:25; Titus 2:3-4; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

   There is a difference between ______________ to love and __________ in love

Applications

1. Before getting married, do not try to determine if you are in love. _________ if you are willing to _________ to love.

2. You must choose to love your spouse even when you _______ _____ of love

3. You must choose to love your spouse even when you fall in love with __________ __________

4. You must choose to love your spouse because you made a ______________ before God

   Why do I need to be faithful? ____ _____

5. You must choose to love your spouse if you are to picture the love of __________ for the church

Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 13:4: Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up

Next Week

Love Wins (we are going to pull this one back to the original meaning)
Famous Love: Love Wins

Memory Verse Review
1 Corinthians 13:4

Love Wins

How many of you have ever seen someone wearing a cross as a piece of jewelry?

Matthew


Jesus’ response is ____________________


Jesus’ response is forgiveness and ________________

John 19:25-27

Jesus’ response is forgiveness, invitation, and ____________

John 21:10-13

John 21:15-17

Jesus’ response with Peter is ____________________
The Resurrection

**Hebrews 4:15**

**John 16:33**

Jesus is saying, ‘I ______’

**Romans 12:21**

Will I respond to the world with or without _______?

Public Spectacle

**Colossians 2:15**

If you can kill somebody and they still live, then who _______?

The cross is God’s way of saying, ‘Love _______’

1 Corinthians 13:8a: Love never fails

About that book . . .

Love wins forever for the believer

**Memory Verse**

1 Corinthians 13:8a: Love never fails

Next Week

Love Does
Famous Love: Love Does

Memory Verse Review
1 Corinthians 13:8a: Love never fails

Love Does
1 Corinthians 13:4-7: 4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

How many verbs are in that passage? ____

Love is a verb because love _______

Bob Goff: Love is a do thing

Engaging

Bob Goff: Either way, I’m _______ you
Calvin Whaley → “That’s what we do”
Tim Fleming → “How can we help?”
Lance & Sherry Gregory → “Of course we are”

Donald Miller (from Blue Like Jazz): Something was broken in the world and we were supposed to hold our palms against the ________
Ushering

Brother Herbert → “Whatever He wants me to do”

Charles Alexander → “You can do this”

Bob Goff: We’re simply the ones who show people their seats that someone else paid for. Ushering perfectly illustrates this concept.

Bob Goff: There’s _______ room. . . . Love draws more people in. . . . Love doesn’t recognize boundaries and never obeys the rules we try to give it.

Incarnating

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 exemplifies the Christmas story: 4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Bob Goff: After Jesus arrived, God whispered to all of humanity . . . “_______ _________ ________.”

Homeworking

Bob Goff: Love Does—so what do __ do?

Tell someone, “Either way, I’m with you” & “There’s more room (for you)”