

# **SERMON NOTES**

"Freconcilable Differences" Week One: Where to Start Galatians 5:13-23

- The problem is not the <u>ABSENCE</u> of love, but the <u>OBJECT</u> of love
  - Galatians 5:13-16
- If love for GOD is not the practical driving force of my life, love of SELF will be
- SOMEONE has to be the spiritual one
  - Galatians 6:1
- The biggest problem in marriage is not the <u>IMPERFECTIONS</u> of your spouse, but the <u>SELFISHNESS</u> of your heart
- See their inadequacies as opportunities for you to be an agent of GRACE on God's behalf
  - There are no enduring relationships without forgiveness

## LIFEGROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

For the week of March 8, 2020

### MY STORY

This series is about relationships. Tell us about your earliest "crush" that you can remember.

What is the best relationship advice you've ever received?

What is the worst relationship advice you've ever received?

Was there any one thing that you most agreed, or disagreed, with from this week's message? What was it and why?

#### DIGGING DEEPER

Read Galatians 5:14. We do not have a love problem. The problem is that our natural default is to love self. What does this look like in your life/relationships?

Pastor Josh and Misty opened up about some of their struggles in an attempt to help others learn the lessons they've learned. Would you be willing to share a struggle that you've had with the group and share what you've learned from it?

Read Galatians 5:24-26. As you read through these verses, talk about what each of the key phrases should/shouldn't look like in our relationships.

Read II Corinthians 5:13-15. Talk about how these verses apply to marriage.

Josh used the phrase, "See their inadequacies as opportunities for you to be an agent of grace on God's behalf." How has someone "acted as an agent of grace" to you during one of your inadequacies?

We talked about how Galatians 5 applies to marriage, but how can these truths play out in the other relationships that we have?

#### TAKING IT HOME

What would it look like for you to be the "spiritual" one in your relationship? (see Galatians 6:1-2)

What would it look like for you to start "walking in the Spirit" in your marriage?

Is there anything you need to do as a result of what you've learned this week?