

Beloved

Beloved: Navigating Life as God's Beloved

March 6th & 7th

Speaker: Pastor Marion Mason

Scripture: Romans 5:1-5

Series Overview

"This is the marvel of marvels," said C.S. Lewis, "that he called me Beloved." We are beloved by God. His love is where we find our identity, our security, our authority. Then, and only then, can we become what Dr. King called the beloved community. We lead with love - we love because He first loved us.

Series Discussion Questions

What does it mean to be a beloved community?

Message-Specific Discussion Questions

Think back on your childhood, what was a time that you felt loved the most?

Read Romans 5:1-5. Notice the use of the plural pronoun, "we". **What are some ways that we can cultivate a space for a unique group of people with all types of differences to come together in unity?**

John 15:14 discusses how a branch can not grow fruit without being connected to the vine. **How are you staying connected to Jesus during this season? How are you experiencing the fruit of your commitment to Christ?**

Pastor Marion discusses the importance of rejoicing in times of trials and sufferings. He states that we are not rejoicing based off of the fact that we are going through things, but rejoicing that we have salvation in Christ. **How has your relationship with Christ helped you through a season of trials and suffering?**

Practical Application

- Take some time to listen to (Place of Worship) by Marvin Sapp [here](#). **How do the lyrics of this song resonate with you?**
- [NCC Daily](#) continues this week covering our **Beloved series**. Join us Monday through Friday as we dig deeper throughout this season of Lent.
- Climb the stairs to the [Upper Zoom](#) each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:14am. We'll come together as a community to start our days in His presence together, listening intently, and responding in prayer. **Register at ncc.re/UpperZoom.**