

Beloved

Beloved: Beloved Community

March 20th & 21st

Speaker: Multicultural Team

Scripture: Ephesians 4:11-16

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 Overview

This weekend, our multicultural team (Lora Batterson, Joel Buckner, Pastor Dave Schmidgall, and Pastor Marion Mason), help us explore what it practically looks like to journey towards becoming a Beloved Community.

Message-Specific Discussion Questions

Read Revelation 7:9 The destiny of the church is to become a beloved community. **What are some things that you can do today to be a part of making that destiny a reality?**

Pastor Lora asked the question: “What if we realized our potential, to be a place where everyone felt fully known and celebrated?” **How are you striving to become that place?**

Think of a time when someone celebrated you. How did that make you feel? **What does it look like to celebrate other people in your community?**

Read Ephesians 4:16 Think about this phrase for a moment: “Every supporting ligament grows and builds itself up in love and each part does its work.” **Are you currently putting this scripture into practice? If not, who do you need to surround yourself with, that has a different viewpoint, but will encourage you to grow?**

Genesis 1:27 discusses how God created each of us in His image. **Do you believe that God created each person in His image? Have you exemplified this? What steps can you take to make people of all backgrounds feel welcome at the table?**

Practical Application

- Spend some time in the presence of the Holy Spirit this week. Meditate on these questions, and write down His response to you. **How do you want me to engage in this time of eternity? What part of the story do you want me to play?**
- [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.**