

Loving Large Week 3: Knowing God Loves ME

Key Verses: Psalm 103

Sermon Notes

Trying to explain love is
like: _____

_____.

Psalm 103 describes God as _____.

Not just loving but rather _____ is
_____.

What are the benefits of God's love?

God's love is all _____.

God's love is _____.

God's love is beyond _____.

No one has greater love than
this _____

_____.

This proves God's love for us, that while we were yet sinners

_____.

Reflections for the Week—Read the scripture, reflect on the questions, pray the prayer.

Monday: Read: Psalm 103:1-14

The Psalms were largely written as hymns or worship music. This Psalm reminds the people of all the good things God does and has done for them. Why would we need reminders of what God does for us? Reread Psalm 103. Which "benefit" from God is most meaningful to you? How does the Psalm help you understand God?

Tuesday: Psalm 139:7-10

What does this passage tell us about God's love despite not mentioning the word, "love"? Has there been a time when you tried to get away from God? Have there been times when you didn't know if God was with you? Can you take comfort from this passage?

Wednesday: Psalm 136

How does God demonstrate his understanding and power in the physical universe? What can you learn from the way God deals with people? What does this Psalm say about God and those who may doubt his love, as the Israelites did at times?

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 13

What is so tragic about using our gifts without love? How would you define love's qualities? Are there any missing from this list? Why is love greater than faith and hope?

Friday: Isaiah 49:15-16

God loves us and keep us as close as a mother nursing a child. How is this different from simply being a parent's love? Your name is carved into the palm of God's hand. Think on that image for a minute. What does it mean to be carved into God's hand?

Weekly Prayer

God of Love. I come into your presence so aware of my human frailty and yet overwhelmed by your love for me. I thank you that there is no human experience that I might walk through where your love cannot reach me. If I climb the highest mountain you are there and yet if I find myself in the darkest valley of my life, you are there. Teach me today to love you more. Help me to rest in that love that asks nothing more than the simple trusting heart of a child. In Jesus name, Amen