

WhyDoBe Series
Love For One Another
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Opening

-let's recap from two weeks ago...

-(show new mission slide)

-(show missions diagram slide)

- Luke 19:10
- Matthew 16:18
- John 13:35
- work through slide from the screen
- Reference Colossians 1:27
- “being a people of virtue”

Introduction

-Matthew 5:46-47 ...a different kind of character

Jesus isn't saying bring something to the world that is missing...He's saying bring it in a way that is surprising!

-read virtues on screen (are you surprising people with these)

-Mark 11:12-14, 19-21 (God's expects virtue even when it seems “out of season”)

-1 John 4:12-13...that reveals Jesus to the world!

-remember John 12:32

Surprising Virtue Is **A Choice**

-Matthew 5:1-10

- One of the five great growth lists
- **Romans 12:9-21**
- **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**
- **Galatians 5:22-23**
- **2 Peter 1:5-7**

-Jesus was born into a world that had a victim mentality...

- *born as a Jew or not...*
- *born as a Roman citizen or not...*
- *born into the ruling class or not...*
- *born into wealth or not...*
- *born into the priesthood or not...*
- *born into cities of influence or not...*

-He was saying that real blessing has nothing to do fate and entitlement and privilege, it is based on choice, the choice to surprise the world with virtue!

-(explain connection to heaven now...Heaven forever!)

-tell story of doing **chapel with the pre-school...**

-you have to choose...in the moment...to be surprisingly virtuous!!!!

-At some point...we have to wake up on day and say...I'm not going to be selfish today...I'm not going to be angry today...I'm not going to be self loathing today...

-Today I'm going to be patient, kinds, gentle, humble, believing...I'M GOING TO CHOOSE TO BE SURPRISINGLY VIRTUOUS!!!!

-(go back to WhyDoBe slide)...don't forget our reason!!!!

-a more virtuous person!!!

Surprising Virtue Is **A Deposit**

-a more virtuous place!!!

-Matthew 10:14-15 (...they didn't just wake up one day and decide...)

-Jesus is challenging us to remember that regions (not just individuals) inspire people to live toward Heaven! Regions are able to be places where Jesus is high and lifted up!

-Think about how many times in the Old Testament God speaks to cities, nations, and regions!

-Are you through your attitude, your choices, your thoughts, your intentions...making the 757 a more virtuous place?

-Every day we are either making a deposit or a withdrawal to the virtue vault of the 757...

-I want there to be a powerful current in the 757 drawing people toward Heaven! Each time we choose to be surprisingly virtuous, each time we choose to make a virtue deposit instead of a virtue withdrawal...we are making our region a place where Jesus is high and lifted up...and what did He say in John 12:32?

Band

-Surprising virtue is also **a process**...and it's called discipleship!

-If I accept one Invitation, then I must obey six Commands. And to obey six Commands I must walk in twelve Pathways. And when I walk in twelve Pathways I become twenty-four Virtues.

-We call this Praxis...

- Matthew 16:27
- Praxis is the Greek word for "deeds"
- What characterizes us...
- **Not our worst day or our best day...our every day**

-get this book...read it...do it...

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