

1. **Launchers: How do you measure/track your growth in Grace (God's Work)?**

2. **Worship God** – Using Abide from our TPC Worship List

- Spend 3 minutes in praise, prayer, and worship to our Heavenly Father ONLY
- Spend 3 minutes in praise, prayer, and worship to our Jesus Christ ONLY
- Spend 3 minutes in praise, prayer, and worship to our Holy Spirit ONLY

3. **Sermon Reflection: Jesus and True Righteousness – Matt 5:17-20 (On Page 2)**

Have the group read Matt 5:17-20 a couple times together and silently.

**HEAVENLY AUTHORITY & MISSION**

- Why can Jesus speak in a way that no one else can?
- How is that a blessing and then difficult at other times?

**INSIDE OUT & UPSIDE DOWN**

- How do we get "righteousness" so wrong?
- Do you/we follow Jesus from the heart?
- C. *What matters more? The envelope or the letter it contains? (e.g. Thomas More)*
  - So what does it look like to always be trying to establish yourself as "right?"
  - How have you sought to define your life purpose without any reference to your Maker, or His good design?

**AN ALIEN RIGHTEOUSNESS**

- How is it possible, if we have been unrighteous, to become and remain righteous?
- Why is it easy to believe we are forgiven but takes so much more faith to believe we are righteous?

4. **Kingdom Centered Prayer: You Can Pray With Us**

1. Worship the LORD for His holiness and righteousness. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that He is purely good and that He is the basis for all that we were designed to be in our character and conduct.

2. How have you lived as if you are a standard unto yourself, and as a result, how have you hurt your neighbor and defied your Maker? Confess your selfish pride to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and restore your heart.

3. Give thanks to Jesus for His gracious work to forgive us and restore us. Thank Him for atoning for our guilt by His death in our place, and for healing our heart by the gift of His Spirit indwelling.

4. Who do you know that struggles to follow Jesus from the heart? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them in their very soul, as He has helped you, to both adore and trust Him as the Only One who is worthy of your love.

5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and goodness. Pray for heart transformation to trust that He "is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:8)

5. **Mission: How do you measure your being in Love and Falling in love with God and your neighbor?**

- Using The Gospel: Faith Energizing Love as a fun way to reflect on God's Grace at work causing you to enjoy being in love and falling in love with God and your neighbor no matter how the treat you.
- Take the Facilitator home with you and then share your thoughts next CG meeting.

**Abide - Dwell Songs**

For my waking breath for my daily  
bread  
I depend on You, I depend on You  
For the sun to rise for my sleep at night  
I depend on You, I depend on You

You're the way the truth and the life  
You're the well that never runs dry  
I'm the branch and You are the vine  
Draw me close and teach me to abide

Where the Spirit leads as I'm following  
I depend on You, I depend on You  
For the victories still in front of me  
I depend on You, I depend on You

You're the way the truth and the life  
You're the well that never runs dry  
I'm the branch and You are the vine  
Draw me close and teach me to abide  
Be my strength my song in the night  
Be my all my treasure my prize  
I am Yours forever Your mine  
Draw me close and teach me to abide

When I pass through death as I enter  
rest  
I depend on You, I depend on You  
For eternal life to be raised with Christ  
I depend on You, I depend on You  
You're the way the truth and the life  
You're the well that never runs dry  
I'm the branch and You are the vine  
Draw me close and teach me to abide  
Be my strength my song in the night  
Be my all my treasure my prize  
I am Yours forever Your mine  
Draw me close and teach me to abide

Here I am Lord  
Would you teach me to abide  
Teach me  
Would you teach me

I depend on You, I depend on You  
Yes, I depend on You, I depend on You

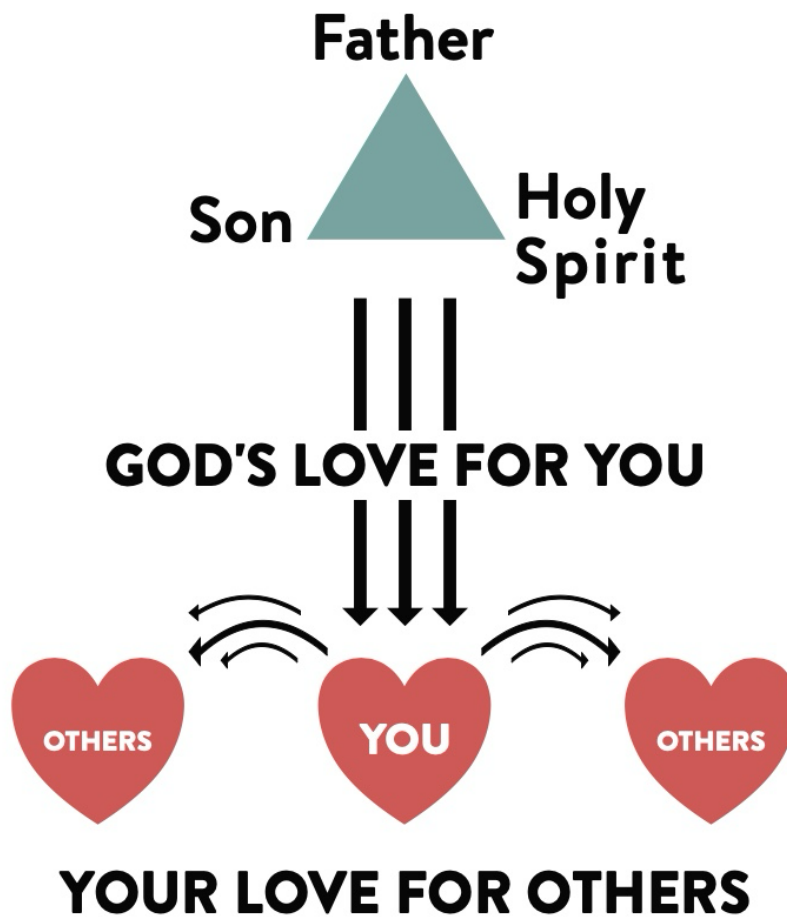
Oh, oh

I depend on You, Yes, I depend on You  
I depend on You, I depend on You

**Jesus and True Righteousness - Matthew 5:17–20 (ESV)**

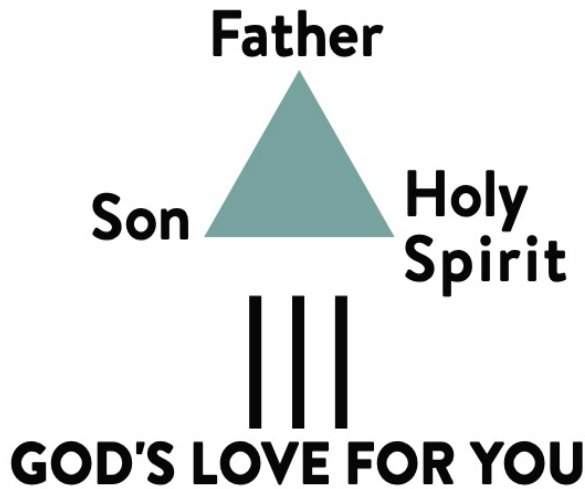
<sup>17</sup> "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup> For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

# The Gospel: **FAITH ENERGIZING LOVE**



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WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN?  
HOW ARE YOU FALLING IN LOVE WITH THEM?  
WRITE ANSWERS ON PAGE.



BELIEVERS  
You ENJOY  
Are YOUR ENEMIES  
Against You?



UNBELIEVERS  
You ENJOY  
OR ARE YOUR  
ENEMIES

Are you in LOVE  
w BELIEVERS WHO  
you LOVE OR  
Are YOUR ENEMIES?  
(AGAINST YOU)  
OR YOU AGAINST THEM?  
& FALLING IN LOVE  
w THEM.

## YOUR LOVE FOR OTHERS

Do You LOVE BEING YOU?  
Are you FALLING MORE IN  
LOVE WITH BEING YOU?

How ARE YOU  
IN LOVE w  
THOSE YOU  
- ENJOY  
- FALLING IN  
LOVE WITH THOSE  
WHO ARE AGAINST  
You?