

L.O.V.E. - Losing

1 John 4:7-12, Philippians 2:1-8

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WARM-UP QUESTIONS:

1. If there is a winner, there is also a loser. How does our culture cope with losing?
2. What situations are you disturbed or troubled by when you “lose”? What occasions do you not mind as much? Explain the differences in your response.
3. How can a “winner” culture possibly relate to a “losing” God?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Pastor Jason raised the question: “Has American Christianity become about winning?” and warned that if so, the Gospel becomes twisted. What is your take on his question, and in what ways would this affect the message of the Gospel?
2. What attitudes/feelings usually arise when it comes to sacrifice? Which of these are healthy, and which are not? And how might our cultural background contribute to these attitudes?
3. Why does Jesus say in Mark 8:35 that in losing our life for His sake we actually save it? What does it mean to “lose our life”?
4. How is “losing” a posture and expression of love?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. What have been some past personal examples of losing in the practice of your faith and love?
2. Who has God placed in your life where you can seek their interests above your own (see Philippians 2)?
3. What sacrifices might God be calling you to? How can your small group support you?