

Questions

1. What illustration, story, or example stood out to you this week?
2. How would you currently define yourself? What have you used in the past to identify who you are? (jobs, relationship roles, achievements)
3. What makes you feel beloved? When have you felt beloved by God? How can you make others feel beloved?
4. Read Ephesians 5:17-19. Why do you think people minimize God's love and acceptance? How do you minimize God's love?
5. Read Isaiah 9:14. Have you ever felt deserted by God like Isaiah? How does it encourage you to be reminded that God has written you on the "palm of His hands?"
6. How do you think wearing your "beloved identity badge" might start affecting those around you?
7. What one practical step do you plan to implement from this week's message?

Scripture References

Read Galatians 2:20; 1 John 4:11; Ephesians 5:1; 3 John 1:2; 1 John 4:7; 3 Peter 3:8; Jude 1:20; Isaiah 49:14, 16; Ephesians 3:14-19

Takeaways

- The "new you" was born out of sacrificial love
- All loves are not created equal (Eros/Phileo/Agape)
- The one name that most identifies us: beloved (esteemed, dear, favorite, worthy of love)
- 4 Dimensional Love of Jesus:
 - Wide: enough for every person
 - Long: enough to stretch from eternity past to eternity future
 - High: enough to take us home to heaven
 - Deep: enough to reach the darkest parts of us
- Resist the pride, fear, or misunderstanding of minimizing God's love
- Position yourself daily to stand under the waterfall of His love for you
- Practice wearing your beloved identity badge every day