

TALKING POINTS

DISRUPT YOUR LIFE - DISRUPT YOUR LIFE

LEANING IN

These days, our lives are full of disruptions - pandemic, social unrest, political division. Even with these kinds of disruptions, there is a disruption we should seek in our lives - the disruption of God's spirit in us.

The disruption God produces in us can ultimately help us deal with the disruptions the world has produced. It can help us see ourselves differently and walk with Jesus more closely.

The most powerful thing which can disrupt our lives is generosity. Today we need love, kindness and generosity more than ever before. Once we understand the power of living generously, then we'll understand how living in generosity changes us. It changes our faith in God, because when we give, there's faith associated with it and there's hope which comes from it.

The fastest way to disrupt ourselves is to give - even when we don't want to. God doesn't want or need our money - He wants our heart. If you can put your trust in Jesus, and then learn how to love your neighbors as yourself, you'll start to see the fruits of the spirit.

In this divided world, Paul calls us to love one another, and warns we'll devour one another if we don't. Most importantly, there are three things God wants from us:
God wants us to love Him, He wants us to believe in His Son Jesus and what He did on the cross, and He wants us to love each other.

Read Galatians 5:13

What can we do to love each other better in this stressful time?

LIVING IT OUT

One of the best things we can do to be generous to the world around us is to love our neighbor. Here are three things which we as a body of believers can do to generously give to those around us:

Give Away Our Need To Be Right - everyone wants to be right, but God calls us to something greater. God calls us to love like He does.

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-5

How would you negotiate a conversation with someone you are convinced is wrong and yet still show grace?

Give Grace To Those Who Offend Us - we need to listen to people as if everything they're saying is correct. In a world of judgement, we have to withhold judgement and show grace and mercy.

Read Proverbs 19:11

How can you respond to an offensive statement from someone without reacting in kind?

Give Humility To The World Around You - in reality, it's not about us. It's about Jesus, and we're to be His ambassadors. We can't do this without humility.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:19-20, Colossians 3:12

If someone is arrogant in their opinion, do people even care if they're right?