

LOOP Leader Study Guide
WE LOVE YOU - WEEK 2
Pastor Tim Chambers



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Key idea: For God so loved the world that He wants you to spend eternity with Him.

Key scriptures: 1 John 4:7-8; John 3:16; Job 36:26; Psalm 90:1-1; Isaiah 57:15; Exodus 3:14; John 1:4; John 14:6; John 10:10; John 11:25-26; John 5:24; 1 Peter 2:9-12; Romans 5:8

Discussion Questions:

1. This is Week 5 of the We Love You Series. Pastor Tim continued the focus on the Great Commandment that we show our complete vertical love to God while sharing horizontal love in equal measure with our neighbors. And thanks to the generosity of those who attend Fresh Start our church was able to once again to share the love of Christ with the heart of our community this past week. Volunteers took a food truck to provide lunch to those living in recovery homes who are battling addiction. The isolation required to fight Covid 19 is especially hard on this population, and it is important to them that they all experience God's love for them at this challenging time. **Read 1 John 4:7-8.** What do these verses say about love?
2. Pastor Tim reminded us that love really is the basis of everything, and that it's the fact that God is Love that allows him to Love us. **Recite John 3:16 together.** And it is because of that love that we can inherit eternal life. When you hear the phrase eternal life, what comes to mind? When does eternal life begin for a believer in Christ? (it begins when we are saved) Does knowing this affect the way you live your life in the finite world? Please share how.
3. To truly understand what eternity is you have to start with God. **Read Job 36:26. Read Psalm 90:1-2.** And as it says in Isaiah 57:15: **God is the one who lives forever.** Eternity is the dimension that God lives in. God is outside of time with no past, present, or future. This allows Him to move freely at any point of time. He truly is the God who goes before us. Does knowing that God has seen your future and loves you despite your past bring strength to your faith? Please explain. **He is truly the God who goes before us with no beginning or end; with no parameters or margins.** When God revealed His name to Moses he spoke of His eternal nature. **Read Exodus 3:14.** By this God meant I am what I am at present; I am what I have been; I am what I shall be; I shall be what I am.
4. God makes eternal life with Him possible through Jesus. Eternal life **IS** in Christ. **Read John 1:4. Read John 14:6.** Pastor Tim said that the reason Jesus has the power to resurrect from the dead is because Christ is eternal. He is God. **Read John 10:10.** Perhaps it's easy to picture abundant life in heaven with God. But how does living for Jesus bring us abundant life here and now? Can we still have abundant life even in the social isolation of Coronavirus? Explain.
5. **Read John 11:25.** What do you think Jesus meant when he said that those who believed in Him will never die? (Everyone who has eternal life by faith will never have that life stripped away from Him. Even when you die, you will live. Physical death will not turn eternal life in temporary life.

Eternal life is not interrupted by death.) **Read John 5:24.** Pastor Tim said that believing is the link that unites us with the life of God in Christ now. If we have Christ, we have his life now. And his life is eternal. Believers do not receive eternal life after death. It is something we actually have right now. **Read Romans 5:8.**

6. As people already living eternal life, we are in the world but not of the world. Pastor Tim said we are to live as if our future restoration has happened right now. React to this statement: **God calls us to live our future selves right in the here and now.** (include in your discussion that God puts the Holy Spirit in us to empower us to do this) Live like who you are supposed to be, not who you are. **Read 1 Peter 2:9-12.**

Eternal life is: free, found only in Jesus, for everyone, and forever!

Talk to your LOOP about:

- **WE LOVE YOU WEDNESDAYS**

- On Wednesdays, we're going to flood our communities and social media with ways we are saying to those around us, WE LOVE YOU!
- Let us know what you're doing to show those around you that you love them
 - Post something to your social media
 - use the hashtag #weloveyoufsc
- Let's take back social media and our communities with the love of Jesus!

- **FACEBOOK LIVE AT 8:05PM**

- Join Pastor Tim and Donna on Facebook live at 8:05 on Mondays and Thursday evenings.

- **BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MON-THURS AT NOON**

- Join us at noon Monday through Thursdays as we look at a passage of Scripture and have prayer together.
- You can find us on the Fresh Start Church Facebook page.