

LEADING WITH LOVE WORKSHOP

1. PREPARING FOR HOME

- I. **Our Residence(s)**. Everyone, basically, gets two homes – both come from God.
 - A. One is temporary. - our earthly home – it comes with a street address, and a mortgage. Satan has seen to it we have a great deal of pollution and pain – mental and physical. If we accept God's offer of salvation via the shed blood of His Son Jesus Christ on the cross, we have the Holy Spirit living inside us, and God's written inerrant word, the Bible as our guidebook for God-honoring victorious living.
 - B. Our second home is eternal; never ending; one of two places.
 - 1) If we reject God's offer of salvation via the shed blood of His Son Jesus Christ on the cross, our eternal home will be in Hell, the place of the Lake of Fire. This was originally prepared as the eternal home for the Devil and his angels.
 - 2) If we accept God's offer of salvation (a one-time decision) via the shed blood of His Son Jesus Christ on the cross, our eternal home will be in Heaven; in the presence of Jesus Christ and His Bride (referring to the church: collection of true believers.)

II. Our Fellowship

- A. A home of any kind, requires fellowship which requires growing in understanding how others think and act.
 - 1) A question often asked, “If God hates sin, why did He create it, and give us the ability to choose or reject it?”
 - a) Sin in the brief form is “Thinking and Doing Things We Know God Doesn't Like, as Defined by Scripture.”
 - 2) God's natural creation begins our understanding of God's power, order, and management. (Romans 1:20) Not only did God give us an earthly home, that man has hardly scratched the surface in understanding, but God shows us He maintains control of it – often in spite of us.
 - a) But this understanding through natural creation provides largely how to respond to rules and processes. Simply said, “You won't learn much about love from lightning and ocean waves.”
 - b) If this was all there was to life, we'd be mostly like machines, plants, and robots.
 - 3) God cherishes obedience to Him, motivated by love and trust, as our choice to Him.
 - 4) To have real fellowship with God in Heaven, we must begin to understand other attributes about God, some think that are even more powerful and productive than the lightning and all of nature combined. We have to get the real

understanding of love, mercy, and forgiveness – FROM THE INSIDE. We can only get the deepest meaning of the event of Calvary's Cross, when we see ourselves the object of the mercy and forgiveness for our own sins.

5) We only learn the real meaning of mercy and forgiveness:

a) When we first learn we were the recipients of it, at Calvary.

b) Second, our understanding deepens, when we actually practice that mercy and forgiveness toward others around us.

B. An eternal home in the Lake of Fire.

1) Another question people ask, “Why does a loving God send people to Hell?”

a) “Whoa Now!” The preceding question would appear on the list of 'foolish and unlearned questions' referred to in Titus 3:9. God does not send people to Hell. They themselves choose to reject God's offer of Salvation and therefore choose their eternal firey home.

2) Fellowship in Hell? Absolutely not a shred of it! It's possible to get more of a description of Heaven's fellowship by looking at the description of the other extreme; in the Lake of Fire, prepared for the Devil and His Angels.

III. School is where we're at.

A. The basic question: What is our purpose here on this earth and studying about Leading With Love?

1) To show our good stewardship (management) of the knowledge we have about God, with others.

2) To learn, from the inside, the super-powerful attributes about God, that concentrate on the heart and spirituality, and almost as much – on God's authority and muscle.

3) To share with deep compassion, God's message of Salvation to those around us and cultivate that fellowship to best produce eternal choices that magnify God and maturity through His written Word.

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