



(I Think) I Love You | Levi Lusko | 7.16.2023

Weekly Study

SHARE

This weekend we had the honor of hearing from Levi Lusko, Lead Pastor of Fresh Life Church in Kalispell, Montana. During week 3 of our *Book Club* series, Levi helped us “navigate the uncertainty of intimacy,” by sharing key insights from his book, *The Marriage Devotional*, co-authored with his wife, Jennie. Levi helped us tackle cultural misconceptions and common struggles that so many of us experience when it comes to loving others (especially our spouses) well. Levi’s message provided a beautiful and timely reminder that by posturing our heart through prayer and renewing our mind through the Word of God we can actively engage in an agape kind of love from which all love flows.

How have you been since last week? Share a high, a low, and something interesting or exciting that happened.

What is coming up over the next month or so that you’re looking forward to?

How do you think our current culture would describe the concept of love in three words?

GROW

Read Colossians 3:14 (ESV)

Over time, our culture has romanticized, sexualized, and distorted the concept of love to the extent that many of us have grown up believing that love is simply an intense “feeling” we experience towards others. But Levi reminds us that the kind of love that God designed intended for us is beautiful and complex. The Greek language identifies four different kinds of love: Storge (family love), Eros (erotic love), Phileo (brotherly/friendship love), and Agape (divine, sacrificial love). Additionally, Levi identified five biblical approaches towards pursuing love: love like a sibling, a scholar, a soldier, a servant, and a sprinter. Love is not something we fall in and out of, it’s an intentional choice to pursue deeper connection and healthier

relationships with those we love by placing God at the center of our life, especially when we don't feel like it.

What does it look like to “put on love”?

The Bible is filled with extraordinary acts, concepts, and approaches towards love. Is there a specific verse about love that has transformed the way you give, receive, or pursue love?

Why do you think God's idea of love and the world's idea of love have grown so far apart?

M O V E

What is the biggest obstacle or belief that's keeping you from experiencing the fullness of a divine, sacrificial, agape love that the Lord desires for you?

What's one way you need God to redeem, restore, or renew love or a relationship in your life?

What is one practical step you can take towards loving the people in your life the way God intended a little bit better this week?

P R A Y

This week, pray for the opportunity to “put on love” in a new and refreshing way. Pray for wisdom and discernment to turn away from toxic ideas of worldly love and instead, lean into the divine, sacrificial love that God has for us so that we can share it with others. Pray for God to be present in any relationships that need healing and restoration. And pray that God can be placed at the center of every relationship and in every home so that today's families and future generations can grow up walking in the fullness of God's love.