Again and Again | Week 04

Stop Start Acting Like a Baby | March 11th and 14th



Anchor Verse: The Lord's acts of mercy are not exhausted; his compassion is not spent; They are renewed each morning— great is your faithfulness! Lamentations 3:22-23

What's the Issue Anyway?

Again and Again, God loves _____.

Love is mentally ______ at our birth.

As we grow, we ______ to leave this garden.

What wisdom does Scripture offer?

Being born from above is the return to ______. (John 3:3) What is ______ Life? (John 3:16-17) Eternal Life is the ______, generative nature of God: The Universal Christ incarnate in Jesus. (I John 1:1-4) What does it mean to _______ in the Son? To believe in Jesus is to live in the transforming power of ______ love. (I John 4:16-19) Don't Miss This: God overwhelms our ______ by loving first. What about my everyday normal life? Abandon ______ that produce unhealthy spirituality in your life. Start loving God like a ______ loves a caregiver. How does this make me and world better?

Unconditional, Newborn love matures into ______ spirituality.

Receiving the love of God again and again brings the power of ______ into this world.

Loved people _____ people.

What is God inviting you into today?

- 1. Allow myself to be loved by God as a newborn is loved by a parent.
- 2. I have to retire or unenlist from spiritual metaphors that have become unhealthy for me.

Thought Provoking Questions for Groups or Personal Reflection

- 1. Think of an experience where you loved first, perhaps the birth of a child or your first pet or something you created. What can that experience of love reveal to you about God's love for this world?
- 2. How is belief in a doctrine about Jesus different than believing in the relationship Jesus had with the Father? Why is that important?
- 3. Some scholars believe that 1 John was written to provide explanations and clarifications for parts of the Gospel of John. How might the opening of 1 John help someone understand the opening of the Gospel of John?
- 4. Which metaphor do you most resonate with: part of the Army of God, part of the workforce of God, a child in God's family? How might the army and workforce metaphors lead to an unhealthy spirituality?
- 5. Why do you think loved people love people and hurt people hurt people? Have you ever experienced this in your own life?

