Order of Service November 4-5, 2017 Worship Team Unstoppable God Welcome/Greeting/Baby Dedications Worship Team Great Are You Lord Joy Message Pastor Jay Bruner Pastor Rusty Sieck Group Me (Part 5) Worship Team Glory To Glory Offering/Announcements/Dismissal

Made to Love

Being a Christ-follower means I'm not just to *Believe* but to *BELONG*. I am supposed to Group!

Being a Christ-follower means I'm not just to *Grow Older* but to *GROW UP*. It happens in a Group!

Being a Christ-follower means I'm SHAPED for a SIGNIFICANCE. It happens in a Group!

Being a Christ-follower means I was MADE for a MISSION. It is both specific and shared; it is individualized and in a GROUP!

Being a Christ-follower means I was made for love. I was made to be loved by God and to love God back - it is called <u>WORSHIP</u>.

Even before He made the world, **God loved us** and **chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.** God decided in advance to adopt us into his
own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. **This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:4-5 (NLT)**

Our response - Love Him back.

Jesus answered..."Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"... Luke 10:27 (NIV)

How to love God well (How to Worship well):

1. I should love Him (Worship Him) with every part of my life.

...Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering (a gift to Him)... Romans 12:1 (MSG)

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies (your very lives) to God because of all he has done for you... This is truly the way to worship him. Romans 12:1 (NLT)

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters... Colossians 3:23 (NIV)

2. I should do <u>personal</u> acts of intentional love specifically dedicated to Him.

Personal acts of intentional Love:

Be Baptized (John 14:23, Matthew 28:19-20)

Take Communion (Luke 22:13-20)

Sing to Him and Praise Him (Ephesians 5:18-20)

Pray to Him (Luke 11:2)

Serve Him with the abilities and talents He has given me (1 Peter 4:10 & 1 Corinthians 12)

Giving back to Him a portion of what He has given me (Proverbs 3:9-10, Malachi 3:10)

Trust Him (2 Corinthians 4:18, Psalms 34:8)

Live a life of obedience (1 Samuel 15:22, John 15:9 &14)

Tell others about Him (1 Corinthians 1:31, Matthew 28:19-10)

3. I should love what <u>He loves</u>, and be a part of it - His family - <u>The Church</u>.

...Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. **Ephesians 5:25b-27 (NLT)**

So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples. John 13:34-35 (NLT)

Going deeper on your own. Read aloud Ephesians 1:1-7 and Ephesians 2. Listen to what God has done for you and all those who believe in Him. What does this tell you about His love for you and His family, the Church? Now read aloud Ephesians 5:1- 20. Review this week's message notes. Look carefully at ways that you can personally show God your love for Him. Over the next six days, start each day by praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you show your love for God in each part of your day. Also on each day pick one way you can personally show your love for Him and then do it. Read Psalms 100. Next Sunday we are going to come together as a church family to intentionally love God. I am asking you to come prepared to love one another and love our Heavenly Father.