

A Courageous Love | Week 2

Introduction

This weekend we heard Chris and Jihae's story of courageous love through fostering and adoption. Today we will discuss what we learned from their story and what God might have us do.

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- How do you define "courage?"
- What is the most courageous thing you did this week?

Sermon Notes Review (20 minutes)

What challenged you, impacted you, or caught your attention from this weekend's sermon?

The main points were:

1. It's not about you.
2. Take a step and do the next right thing.
3. Everyone is called to do something.

[Watch the Video](#) (5 minutes)

Chad will read from [James 1:27](#).

Group Discussion (45 minutes)

1. What is something you think God is leading you to do?
A great way to show genuine interest in a person's answer to this question and to learn more about them and what God is saying to them is to ask the follow-up question, "Tell me more."
2. Read [Romans 12:1](#).
 - What does the phrase "*in view of God's mercy*" tell us about where our obedience comes from?
 - In what ways does understanding God's love for you prompt you to want to serve others?
3. Read [Philippians 2:13](#).
 - How is this verse similar to Romans 12:1?
 - How does it encourage us to take a courageous step?
4. Last week we talked about listening to and obeying God's nudges.
 - In the past week, have you been more aware of these nudges?
 - How has your response changed?

- Take 3-5 minutes to have each group member reflect on and write down all of the ways, big or small, they have noticed God's nudgings in the last week and how they have responded.
- Have each group member share their list as a celebration of hearing God's voice and a blueprint for areas where He wants us to trust Him.

Prayer (5 minutes)

Pray for what God is leading each person to do. Pray for the humility to surrender to His leading and the courage to do what He says.

Announcements (5 minutes)

- Baptism weekend is coming up May 4 & 5. If anyone in your group has said Yes to Jesus but has never been baptized, this is your next step! Sign up at baptism.sv.cc.
- If God has nudged you to learn more about fostering and adoption in Arizona, we want to invite you to an informational meeting on Sunday, April 28 at the South Gilbert location. Sign up at foster.sv.cc.