

# The Art of Loving People

## Begin With You

Matthew 7:1-6

Pastor Scott

April 22, 2018

**Love defined:** Love is seeking and doing the best for another

### Prerequisites to Loving Well:

1. Notice how you are \_\_\_\_\_ others .(v. 1)
  - This judging is to \_\_\_\_\_ and exclude.
  - What we \_\_\_\_\_ in others might be the very thing we are \_\_\_\_\_ of. (v. 2)
2. Notice the \_\_\_\_\_ in your own eye. (v. 3-5)
  - We all \_\_\_\_\_ our own faults.
  - Our unnoticed plank is often the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Notice your \_\_\_\_\_ as you help others. (v. 1, 5)
  - Are you being \_\_\_\_\_?
  - Do you care more about \_\_\_\_\_ or about the \_\_\_\_\_?
  - Have you eliminated \_\_\_\_\_ from your heart?
4. Notice if you are \_\_\_\_\_ to help them than they are to get help. (v. 6)
  - Give them only as much as they can \_\_\_\_\_.



**LifeSpring**  
Covenant Church

GOING DEEPER WITH **JESUS** FOR THE SAKE OF **OTHERS**

## WELCOME!

Whatever has brought you to our church this morning, we welcome you and pray you will feel the peace and grace of God through our worship and through our church family.

Today you'll experience 25 minutes of worship through song, scripture reading, and prayer. We'll have a quick 5 minute update on upcoming events, and we'll take an offering (but as a guest, please feel no pressure to give). A pastor will then share a 30-35 minute message from God's Word. Once a month we also celebrate the Lord's Supper.

## GET CONNECTED

If you are looking to get plugged in here at LifeSpring, if you'd like to learn more about our church, or even if you're just passing through, we'd love to connect with you. Please take a moment to fill out a Connection Card, found in the pew backs in the sanctuary. Our Pastor of Connections, Elyse Thornburg (elyset@lifespringchurch.org), will be happy to get in touch with you and answer any questions you have about LifeSpring!

### **Our next Connection Event:**

We'll be having a NewComers Pizza on Sunday, May 6. Get to know the pastors of LifeSpring, and let them get to know you too! A sign up and more information is available at the Welcome Center or RSVP to Pastor Elyse.

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## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### Early Childhood (0-5 years)

Loving care is provided in the SE corner of our Connecting Center for children 0-5 years old. Feel free to drop your children off before service or anytime during service.

### Children's Ministry (Grades K-5)

Parents, please check your kids in at the Family Check In Station in the Connecting Center before attending service with your children. Kids in grades K-5 start out in service and are dismissed before the message to attend crew252 at 8:45 and/or Sunday School at 10:30.

### Student Ministries (grades 6-12)

1<sup>st</sup> service: Confirmation (gr. 6-8) in 208 and TACO (gr. 9-12) in 207  
Fusion (gr. 6-8) meets Wednesday 6-7:45 and Pulse (gr. 9-12) meets Wednesday 7-8:45.

Check out the Student Ministries page ([lifespringchurch.org/students](http://lifespringchurch.org/students)) and follow us on Facebook.

## ADULT GROWTH CLASS

### The Gift of Being Yourself

April 8 - May 13, 8:45 AM, Fireside Room  
Co-facilitated by Elyse Thornburg & Christa Ahrens

Genuine self-understanding revitalizes our spiritual life and leads to the fulfillment of our God-given destiny & vocation - there cannot be deep knowledge of God without deep knowledge of oneself. Join us on this interactive 6-week journey toward being more fully ourselves.

## MISSION UPDATES

A massive 7.5 magnitude earthquake struck the Southern Highlands region of Papua New Guinea on February 26 and has been followed by about 150 significant earthquakes in the last several weeks. This has led to wide-spread destruction of homes, food and water sources, and transportation infrastructure. Huya, the remote village where John & Suzanne Hatton worked 1998-2000 has become one of several temporary relief centers for thousands of displaced people in need of basic supplies.

Please pray for the people of Papua New Guinea. If you would like to financially support the relief efforts in Huya, please mark your giving "earthquake relief." (Checks can be made out to LifeSpring.)

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April is a busy month for Pete and Cindy Ekstrand who serve in the Congo. Pray that as they host Covenant leaders our denomination will grow in its understanding of the CEUM's ministry in Congo. Later in April, Cindy and the women ministries team will take a 7 day trip to visit women in conferences north of Gemena. At the same time, Pete will work with two visitors, one on Bible translation and the other on a continuing education initiative for pastors, plus teach a class at Ubangi Protestant University. They thank you for your faithful prayers.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*View our church calendar online at [www.lifespringchurch.org](http://www.lifespringchurch.org)*

### This morning - Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

The youth are putting on a pancake and omelette breakfast this morning to fundraise for their summer trips. Head to the Connecting Center between services for good food, good fellowship!

### April - Food Drive!

Every April we hold a food drive for Loveland's House of Neighborly Service. Throughout the month, we invite everyone to bring canned goods, nonperishable foods, and hygiene products to church and drop them off in the bins in the lobby and Connecting Center. They are in particular need of breakfast items, canned soup, and peanut butter. So far we have collected 452 pounds of goods - wow!

### April 27 - Goodbye Potluck for Ryan Prins

Ryan Prins is moving to Iowa. A send-off potluck will be held in the Connecting Center this Friday, April 27, starting at 6 PM. Please feel free to come and bring a dish to share as we wish Ryan well.

### April 29 - PrimeTimers

Continuing with their Storytelling series, PrimeTimers will meet for a salad potluck next Sunday and will hear from John and Suzanne Hatton. If you're 55 or wiser, sign up today in the Connecting Center.

### May 3 - National Day of Prayer

*Grandmother's Connection* will meet for coffee and prayer at Cathy Sipes' home at 10AM. Ellen Bonherts will lead the group in prayer for our schools. RSVP today in the Connecting Center.

*House of Neighborly Service* will host an evening prayer gathering 6:30-8 PM in their Community Room at the Life Center, 1511 E 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

### June 4-7 - VBS

VBS will be Monday through Thursday, June 4-7 this year. Registration will be available on May 6.

## LIFE TOGETHER

### Today's worship...

We are currently searching for a new Pastor of Worship Arts. (Pray for our search committee!) We're grateful to have a variety of people filling in in the meantime. Pastor Tom will lead us today.

### For the next tax season...

If you are over 70½ years of age, you can give to the church tax free from a traditional IRA. It's called a Qualified Charitable Distribution. If you'd like to reduce your taxes and give to LifeSpring in this way, call our bookkeeper, Rhonda (667-4730), or our treasurer, Randy Holyfield (619) 540-7490.

*Join us every Sunday, 8-8:30, in the Commons for pre-service prayer.*

*Weekly prayer guides are available at the Welcome Center. We also have a prayer group that receives email updates at least once a week. Email the church office if you would like to be added to the group.*