



Hesed Community

Love is not just the most powerful force in the universe, it is the most power force _____ of you.

- "Love the Lord your God...and your neighbor as yourself." (Mt 22:37-40)
- "The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love." (Galatians 5:6)
- "Love one another because love comes from God." (1 John 4:7)
- "God is love." (1 John 4:16)

How we think about Love

- Love is a _____.
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...but the deepest love is _____ love.

The idea is captured in the Old Testament word _____.

Hesed is the language of _____...but our individualistic, consumeristic society is based on a _____ (even in churches)

_____ do not transform people.

“If you want to be attached to Jesus, we need to be a part of a community of people who are attached to Jesus.”

The goal of a good church should be that people who belong to it will have a hard time _____ being conformed to the image of Christ.

Scripture: Ruth 1:1-16

“...but Ruth _____ to her.” (vs 14)

“...Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God...” (vs 16)

Hesed creates _____.

Characteristics of a _____

1. The leader is the absolute _____.
2. There is no room for _____.
3. They demand exclusive _____.
4. They diverge from historic _____ teaching.
5. They utilize _____ to keep people in line.

A healthy hesed community holds the tensions of:

- Devotion and _____
- Accountability and _____

“Be devoted to one another in love.” (Romans 12:10)