



Things to Talk About and Reflect Upon

“What’s Love Got To Do With It?”

Points from Sunday’s Message

1. We should respond to God’s gift of salvation by living in connection with Him.
2. The depth of our relationship with God is proven by how we connect with His people.
3. A sanctified life focused on eternity connects with the world and makes disciples.

Key Verse:

“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

— John 15:4-5

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to you personally that “for us and our salvation, He came down”?
 - How does understanding God's intentional plan from Genesis 3:15 change how you see the story of Jesus?
2. Pastor Mark compared God “getting off the couch” not to punish, but to take the punishment. How does this image reshape how we view God's love and justice?
3. In what ways have you seen God rescue you “out of the septic tank,” as Pastor Mark shared in his childhood story?
 - What testimony of God’s grace in your life can you share with someone else this week?

4. Pastor Mark said the appropriate response to the gift of salvation is to abide in Christ. What does “abiding” look like in your daily life?
 - Read John 15:4–5. What does fruit-bearing mean for you personally?
5. How does connecting with God's people (the church) deepen your relationship with God?
 - Are you more of a “spectator” or a “participant” in the church body right now? What is one step you could take toward deeper community involvement?
6. Pastor Mark shared vulnerably about suffering and how God meets us there. How have you seen God work through suffering—either your own or someone else's—for His glory and others’ comfort?
 - Read 2 Corinthians 1:3–4. How might your pain become a platform to care for others?

Use these blended questions for deeper personal reflection, prayer, or small group discussion.