

“Does God Care? Love.”



OPEN IT

- When you hear the phrase “God is love,” does it feel simple, confusing, comforting, or complicated to you? Why?
- Growing up, did you tend to think more about God’s power and authority or God’s love and goodness?

READ IT:

- Psalm 145:1–9
- Psalm 145:18–21
- John 3:16–18
- Romans 3:25–26
- 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

EXPLORE IT

- The message says, “The greatness of God without the goodness of God is not Christianity.” Why do we need both to truly understand who God is?
- Psalm 145 describes God as both incomprehensibly great and deeply compassionate. Which of those is easier for you to believe personally . . . and which is harder?
- Many people think the Old Testament emphasizes wrath while the New Testament emphasizes love. How does Psalm 145 challenge that assumption?
- The message distinguishes between common grace and special grace. Why is that distinction important for understanding God’s love?
- John 3:16 introduces agape love—self-giving love that is costly. How is this different from how our culture typically defines love?

- Why is it important that God's love and justice appear side-by-side at the cross rather than one replacing the other?
- Romans 3:25–26 says God is both just and the one who justifies. Why is that tension essential to the gospel?
- The message claims that God's love both humbles us and steadies us. How have you experienced either—or both—in your own faith?

DO IT:

- This week, intentionally meditate on one attribute of God's love (compassion, patience, justice, or sacrifice) and how it reshapes your view of Him.
- Respond: As you take the Lord's Supper or pray, thank God specifically for how His love and justice meet at the cross.
- Live: Identify one relationship or situation where you are called to practice agape love . . . active, costly care for another's good.