

WOKE

What are the lies that we accept that affect our families? How is Satan using deception in the home to impact our children and marriages? As we continue our series “Woke,” we'll be waking up to the enemy's tricks used against the people we love most.

Week Five: Home Invasion

Text: 1 John 4:7-9 & Selected Scriptures

Sermon Summary:

Teaching points:

1. Love is a commitment we keep.
2. Life is a gift we receive.

Discussion Questions:

These three larger questions will drive our discussion:

1. What did the Holy Spirit say to you through Sunday's sermon?
2. What are you going to do about it?
3. How can others help you and pray for you so you can do what God told you?

What did the Holy Spirit say to you through the sermon?

- If you were consulting Satan about how to undermine God's plan for humanity, what advice would you give him? Do you see any of your ideas already being used by Satan against us?
- What would you say is his worst cultural lie that is hurting the people in our nation?
- Do you tend to think of a good marriage as mostly chemistry or commitment? Based on 1 John 4:7-12 and Corinthians 13:4-8a, how would you define the word love?

What are you going to do about it?

- How does making a commitment to love someone help the person making the commitment as much as it helps the one to whom the commitment is made?
- How do the Bible and culture differ on what children need from their parents? In what ways do you think Satan is using the expectation from the culture to distract parents from what children need the most?
- If someone told you they don't require their children to participate in church and other spiritual growth activities because they don't want their kids to reject God in the future, how would you respond? Why?

How can others in this group help you or pray for you?

- In what ways do you need to trust God and stand against the negative influences of our culture?
- How can others in your small group help you and pray for you to focus better on God and His will for you?

MEMORY VERSE

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him."

1 John 4:7-9

Christ and Culture – Making Sense of Today's World

The Engage team, together with HCBC Community Impact, has put together a four week video series with facilitator guides if small groups would like to diver deeper into the election, the Supreme Court battle, COVID continuation, and any other topic that is being overly-politized. This can equip us to help keep our focus on the main thing – God is in control and He has good plans for us. We want to maintain our witness during these times and not alienate the people we are called to reach. Take a look at the short intro video and session outlines to get an overview of the series: <https://www.engage-citizen.com/class/>

The Engage Team is available to assist any small group leader. They are also offering a Saturday morning Zoom format class from 9:30am – 11am starting October 10 to run through the 4-wk series for those who may be struggling with current events. Here is the registration link for that offering: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ehbbzcf7f04d2af&lr=texh7rrab>