

*Message Notes for April 15, 2018*  
*Series: Missing Pieces*  
*Missing Piece – Love*

**Series Passage: John 10:10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

**Real Love:**

Matthew 5:43-48

Romans 5:10

1 John 4:10

**What difference does this love make?**

- **Unifies**  
1 Peter 4:8
- **Beautifies**  
Psalm 139:14
- **Magnifies**  
John 12:32

**How do we put this puzzle piece of love in place?**

1. Watch **JESUS**.  
Matthew 4:48
2. Let the **HOLY SPIRIT** help you.  
John 14: 15-17  
Romans 8:13-17
3. **SURRENDER** to His love.

*Family/Group Study Notes for Week of April 15, 2018*  
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- Are there people you would find hard to love? Why? How much of this response is related to what makes you feel good, comfortable or fulfilled?
- Read Matthew 5:43-48. What is the reframe that Jesus puts on love? How is this love different from your responses in the first question?
- Reread verse 43. Nowhere in Scripture does it proclaim to “hate your enemy”, yet it had become a common saying. How does Satan use our humanness and selfishness to narrow and qualify love? Why do we like to rule out people instead of including them when it comes to love?
- From Matthew 5:44-48, in what ways is this love that Jesus presents, different from the world? How does Jesus himself reflect this love? Where would we be with God if God lived by Matthew 5:43?
- Reread verse 48. What does it mean to be perfect as your heavenly father is perfect? How can you do that?
- How will living the kind of love Jesus speaks of, point others to Jesus?
- Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3. The love spoken of in this passage is the same kind of love Jesus speaks of in Matthew 5:44-48. How effective is love, centered around yourself? How effective is your Christian witness without including this kind of love with it?
- What are some ways you can grow in “real love”? (There were some shared in the message on Sunday.)
- What impact could this love have in the world and in the lives of others?
- Gather and pray for each other and this puzzle piece of love.