

Westwood Baptist Church



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Worship Guide for September 18, 2022

Sermon Notes

How We Pursue Discipleship Together: Perseverance

1 John 5:7-21 (pew Bible pgs. 1023-1024)

God's gospel agenda unfolds as God's People Proclaim the Word of God in the lives of others, in Prayerful dependence on the Spirit and in Perseverance.

What does perfect, holy perseverance look like? → The steadfast love of God

- > Perseverance is the fruit of conviction that is anchored in the steadfast love of God.
- > Conviction becomes anchored in God's steadfast love only through abiding in it.

What are the keys to persevering in love? [1 John 4:7-21]

I. A consistent abiding in God's perfect, steadfast love (v. 7-11)

Key Word:

Result:

II. A deepening conviction in the reality of God's love that authentically manifests itself outwardly (v. 12-16)

Key Words:

Result:

III. A development of God's love within us that is perfected through the ongoing experience of God's own steadfast love (v. 17-20)

Key Word:

Result:

IV. A supreme desire to love Jesus by honoring him as Lord (v. 21)

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Result:

*Perseverance is produced when a profound _____ in the love of God
accompanies a holy _____ to see others made complete in him.

Weekly Discipleship Guide

Know

What does God intend for me to know?
In your journal, use the following prompts to write some truths that stood out from this week's message.

I never knew...	I was reminded...	A question I still have...
I was challenged...	I was convicted...	A truth I could share...
I was encouraged to...		I need to dig deeper into...

Be (Consider)

What does God's Word lead me to prayerfully consider?
In your journal, use the following questions to write some prompts to use in praying through this week's passage.

Is there a command to obey?	Am I convicted to confess any sin?
How am I compelled to exalt God?	Is there a sin to avoid?
Is there a promise to claim?	How do I need to rest in Jesus/the gospel?
Is there a principle to follow?	How can I pray for someone else?
Is there an example to follow?	What am I compelled to love or desire?

Do (Yield)

How does God's Word call me to yield my life? In your journal, write your answers and thoughts in response to the following questions.

What are some of the most difficult aspects of living out a persevering love for others? Why is this sort of love so rare in our culture?

Can you think of a time when someone showed you this sort of persevering love as they faithfully pressed you into Christ? How has God used that in your life?

Now that we have completed our walk through the 4 P's of this statement, what are you convicted to do as a first step toward pursuing God's agenda?

**Use this guide to help you internalize this week's message & to prepare for Life Group.*

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