



## LOVED & LOVING

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Philippians 1:9 – 12

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### MESSAGE NOTES

The Church is a beautiful community. A loving family partnered together for the everyday mission of making disciples.

We all want to be loved; we're just not sure we're that lovable.

*And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. — Philippians 1:9 – 12*

#### A. Knowledge

The best way to increase your worship of God is to increase your knowledge of God.

#### B. Discernment

##### 1. LOVED Community

It's rarely the people who are the most obviously wicked who are the most resistant to God.

The church is not a place you can go, but a people you can belong to.

##### 2. LOVING Community

A community of CENTRALITY

A community of COMMITMENT



## **DISCUSSION**

- What was your one big/main takeaway from the service? If someone had arrived as everyone was leaving, and they stopped you in the parking lot and asked, “What was the sermon about?” what would you have said?
- What do you love about ENCOUNTER?
- What is your practical plan to increase your knowledge of God? (Bible reading plan, study, etc.)
- Does your life sometimes feel stuck? When?
- Can you think of/share a time in your life when you were resistant to God?
- What does it mean for the church to be a community of centrality?
- Who are you committed to at ENCOUNTER?
- Is it time for you or someone in your family to take a step of baptism? Share with your group and make a plan!
- Love is available to you. You can love. Here’s a really simple way. Get out a piece of paper. Do this on your phone if you want to. Write down one positive characteristic about yourself (this will help you be thankful to God for His love) and then one positive characteristic about one other person. Write it down.