

Sermon Response Studio Art Prompts

Week 1: A More Excellent Way

Prompt #1:

- In Greek, there are 4 words used to describe 'love': *storgē*, *philia*, *eros*, and *agape*
- Make art that compares and contrasts the different types of love

Prompt #2:

- 1 John 4:8 says that God is love (*agape*)
- Make art that depicts God as *agape*

Prompt #3:

- *Agape* love is not always easy, especially when the other kinds of love aren't present
- Make art about a time when you chose *agape* love even when it was inconvenient

Prompt #4:

- We learn from 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 that without love, all the gifts we have, the things we believe, and the sacrifices we make amount to nothing
 - Tell the truth of vs.1-3 in your own words and with your own imagery
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Week 2: Overcoming Selfishness

Prompt #1:

- Paul describes both what love IS and what love ISN'T.
- Make art comparing and contrasting what love is/isn't.

Prompt #2:

- Putting oneself first might seem like a way to fill up on life, but we know the opposite is true!
- Depict the hollowness of a self-seeking life.

Prompt #3:

- Love that is not self-seeking doesn't ignore our own needs, but it does promote others, even at a cost to self.
- Make art based on a time in your life where the needs of others (or someone else) were put above your own.

Prompt #4:

- Cedrick's three points were: transformation comes from recognition, Christian community supports the change, and, seek out ways to show love.
- Make art about whichever point stood out the most to you.

Week 3: A Kindness Revolution

Prompt #1:

- Make art that responds to the way that kindness makes you feel, either giving or receiving

Prompt #2:

- Greg emphasized that kindness is a heart posture expressed through numerous unnoticed acts to meet others' needs
- Make art that highlights the many small opportunities to choose kindness

Prompt #3:

- Busyness is prolific in our culture and can be a common trap, preventing us from meeting needs in the moment
- Make art that expresses your own relationship to busyness and what areas God might be challenging you to slow down

Prompt #4:

- Greg shared a spoken word piece that is a call to action to participate in kindness as a form of resistance
 - Make art that further elaborates on the kindness revolution that Jesus is inviting us to express through agape love
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Week 4: Love Is Not Proud

Prompt #1:

- Dan shared a great quote by Samuel Johnson: "He that overvalues himself will undervalue others, and he that undervalues others will oppress them."
- Make art that depicts how pride (or shame) poison society

Prompt #2:

- Humility is the great equalizer and the antidote to shame and pride
- Make art that depicts humility as the key to unlock freedom and equality

Prompt #3:

- The hierarchical worldview tries to convince us that some people are fundamentally good or bad, but agape love tells us that we are all fundamentally loved
 - Make art that depicts the truth of who we really are, or who *you* really are
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Week 5: Love Never Fails

Prompt #1:

- If we're not careful, anger can hijack our emotions, causing us to veer away from responding in love
- Make art that shows the war between anger and love

Prompt #2:

- In order to overcome anger, we must first examine it with curiosity and compassion
- Make art that shows you examining your anger, and the emotions underneath, and offering it to God

Prompt #3:

- Shawna ended the sermon by inserting her name into 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (*[Your Name] is patient, [Your Name] is kind... etc.*)
- Make art around the phrase that you felt the Holy Spirit nudge you as an area for growth