

2. HOSPITALITY

DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MINDS, SO THAT YOU MAY DISCERN WHAT IS THE WILL OF GOD—WHAT IS GOOD AND SATISFYING AND COMPLETE.

ROMANS 12:2

Learning to Love what God Loves

I wonder if we are ever ready to love what God loves?

What God loves always calls us, deeper and deeper, into discovering what we truly love. Put another way, our loves are more fully revealed as our GREAT LOVE is more fully embraced...

“Get to know Jesus well, because the more you know him, the more you’ll love him, and the more you love him, the more you’ll want to follow him, and the more you follow him, the more you’ll become like him, and the more you become like him, the more you become yourself.”

In essence, learning to love what God loves, and pouring our lives into what God loves, is the whole of Christian life. Our callings are the specific places where, as the poet Wendell Berry says, we make ourselves “a way for love to reach the ground.”

Take a moment today to reflect on what you love in life—consider how those loves have been surfaced and accentuated as you have come to embrace God’s own boundless love.

Exploration Questions

- How did Jane’s story make you think about what God loves?
- What might be on God’s list of “favorite things?” Would they show up on your list as well? Why or why not?
- How or when have you experienced hospitality as reflecting God’s love?
- What’s something you’ve grown to love more deeply as you’ve grown to love God more deeply?