

Love INC Sunday  
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What has a greater influence on how I help people in need, my American culture or the Bible? Romans 12:2

Do I focus on the person or the need? 2 Thess. 3:10, Proverbs 16:26

When did “feeling good about yourself” become the most important thing about helping others?

How **do** we know what we should do to help? John 5:19 Job 29:16. Cooperate with God. Investigate. Pray for discernment.

Do we help by doing things “for” people or do we help by doing things “with” people?

Does our helping diminish the dignity of the other person or affirm their potential? Old Testament example: Gleaning (Leviticus 19:9-10)

What is Love INC and how can I volunteer?

Will you be a part of NBC’s Comprehensive Transformational Ministry Community Group?

## Love INC Sunday CG Questions

For the individual:

How should you help people differently as a result of Rich’s sermon? (Note: [redemptivecompassion.org](http://redemptivecompassion.org) does a good job of spelling out Biblical principles for helping those in need).

Can you think of a person who could benefit from the Comp TM Program that you should give your brochure to? Are you a good candidate to go through it, either as a participant or a coach?

For the group:

Rich referenced Romans 12:2 from The Message “Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking.” Can you identify some ways you have done this regarding helping people in need?

Share a time with the group when you have focused on the need instead of the person.

Is there anything wrong with feeling good about yourself for helping a person in need? What are the signs that it has become a problem? Rich said it is likely that sometimes doing the right thing might result in negative feelings about a situation. Share a situation where you experienced that.

Share a time when discerning the Father’s will lead you to take a different, maybe even a completely opposite, course of action in helping someone from what you originally intended.

Do you tend to help by doing things “for” people or “with” people? When is each approach appropriate? Which is harder? Is the Lord nudging you to move from “for” to “with”? What might that look like? Share a specific contemporary example if you have one.

When you helped a Love INC client or other person in need, what did you learn? About yourself? About God? About people in need?

Was there something about Rich’s description of the Comprehensive Transformational Ministry Program that caught your attention? What? How does the gospel alleviate poverty?

