# SERMON NOTES & LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

## INTENTIONAL LOVE, Curt Brunk 11.8.09

How to keep a consuming, passionate love on fire, in an ever growing way

Don't allow yourself to get distracted, even if it is for an excellent reason

Stay focused on the main things

How to do this:

God is fond of making things in a pattern that can be broken down into three parts

For us that means family, others, calling

Jesus: disciples, others, calling

God: trinity, us, creation

Looking at the most intimate of the three, we see it too can be broken into three parts:

God: one member of the trinity, the others, and us!?

We are one with God! Brought in by Jesus in most intimate way possible

Jesus: Jesus, the 3, the others.

Us: you, spouse, others

Could break others down too, but 3 becomes 9, 9 becomes 27, quickly it all becomes too much.

What if God made things in this pattern of 3 to keep us able to make the very complex, simple?

During Devos each morning "God what would you say about:

My marriage?

My children?

The Others you have placed in my life for a reason?

Your Calling for me being fulfilled?

Taking the incredibly complex lives we have, breaking it down into very simple, doable parts

What you measure, you manage

Devos are a tithe of time

NEXT WEEK: Viral!

Take that 4th dimension, time, and let Him lead you how to spend it on the things that really matter

## LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What do you notice about this "season" of family life that is different than past seasons? What factors help fuel the fire of love for your spouse, or spouse-to-be? What seems to work against that fire?
2. What do you remember was that was important for you about Curt's model of "3's" (family-others-calling, trinity-us-creation). At present, how do you decide what energy and time to invest in family? Others? Your calling in the Kingdom? What Scriptures help you with these decisions?
3. If you could give a busy, somewhat frazzled friend one piece of advice from this sermon, what would it be? How will help support him?
4. What did you hear most clearly from this teaching? What do you want to be true of your life this month because of it?

## TODAY'S CHALLENGE: (Remember to watch for God to move this week and tell us your testimony!)

I will pray for _____ to come to Jesus