



WEEK 2: LOVE

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

Our culture tells us that love is many things—love is a feeling, an emotion, something you can fall in and fall out of. Love is earned and is dependent on behavior. Yet Scripture presents love not as an emotion but as a decision. Love is sacrifice, a choice and a commitment that lasts long beyond the emotion of the moment. This week we will look at how the Bible defines love and how that should impact how we relate to God and each other

KEY VERSES

Look up theses additional verses:

Romans 5:6-8 9 (NIV)

1 Corinthians 13:13 (NIV)

John 3:16 (NIV)

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1

Love Beyond Feelings

Our culture often defines love as emotion, attraction, or chemistry, but Scripture describes love as something deeper.

- a. What are some ways our culture defines love differently than how Jesus lived it out?
- b. Why do you think commitment becomes difficult when love is based mostly on feelings?

2

Loved First

1 John says, "We love because He first loved us."

- a. How does knowing God loved you before you earned it change the way you see Him?
- b. Why is it sometimes difficult to believe we are fully loved by God?

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Sacrificial Love

Romans 5:8 says that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- a. What makes sacrificial love difficult in everyday relationships?
- b. When have you experienced someone loving you through a difficult or undeserving moment?

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Love In Action

Love is more than a feeling; it is an intentional choice we make whether we feel love or do not.

- a. Which one has shaped the way you show love: your feelings or your intentional choice to love? Why?
- b. What are some ways we can start loving intentionally, even when we don't feel it?

5

Living Out Love with Jesus' as Our Example

When we know Jesus love, it becomes the example for how we love the people around us.

- a. How have you understood Jesus' love?
- b. How can you live out the love you have seen Him give?

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Reflection Questions: Loving well is difficult, but this is what Jesus calls us into in each space we have the ability to.

- Where have you struggled to be loving to those around you? Why?
- What can you do to start loving well?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Helpful practical habits that might follow the theme of curriculum.

Love Like Jesus: This week, reflect and write:

- If you're submitting to your feelings or to God.
- How is God calling you to love?

Ask the Holy Spirit to show up where you are scared, teaching you His truth, so it might heal you.

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

CLOSING SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:12-14, *"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."*

Let the group rest in this encouragement as you close together in prayer.

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