

# SCRIPTURE CARD GUIDE FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

"ALL THE FEELS" FEBRUARY 11 & 12

## SERIES OVERVIEW:

Our culture is obsessed with love and is not hesitant to speak boldly about what love is. We fall in and out of love. We say love is all you need. We say love wins. But what does God have to say about love? The Bible uses four ancient Greek words with Hebrew roots to describe love (Eros, Storgi, Phileo, and Agape) and when you put them all together that's when Love Works.

*Follow the directions below for a guided group discussion with a friend, in a family, small group, etc. Grab a Scripture Card (printed or electronic) and simply follow steps from 1 to 6 on this page and the next.*

1

### PRAY

*About 2 minutes*

Open in prayer. Consider reading James 1:17-18 as part of the opening prayer.

2

### BIG IDEA

*A minute to read*

Remember that first crush, the first time you held hands, your first kiss, you remember all the feelings you had? That was Eros love, from which we get the English word erotic. Eros love is the word often used to express sexual love or the feelings of arousal that are shared between people who are physically attracted to one another. By New Testament times, this word had become so debased by the culture that it is not used even once in the entire New Testament.

3

### CONNECT

*About 8 minutes*

We all want to be fully known and loved. Describe what it is like to be fully known and loved.

The Johnny Lee country music song refrain begins, "I was looking for love in all the wrong places...." Why do you think we look to other things or people for love instead of God?



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Some time later Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah, who lived in the valley of Sorek. - Judges 16:4 NLT

### Reflect

Read the full passage in your Bible - Judges 16:4-6, 17-19.

What stands out to you from the passage and why?

What's really happening to Samson in this account?

Contemplate how God has given love that's to be celebrated and the ways that the culture around us has corrupted this.

### DISCUSSION HELP:

Use follow-up questions to take the discussion deeper. Guide answers to be honest and real.

**Can you say more about that?**

**How have you seen that play out in your life?**

**What does that stir up in you?**

**Has anyone else had a similar thought or experience?**

**What might God be inviting you to do?**

4

### DISCIPLE LIFE DISCUSSION

*About 45-50 minutes. Read the Scripture above and discuss the questions there. Additional questions below.*

God gives sex as a gift to be enjoyed in the context of marriage, but our sinful nature can mess it up with selfish desires, pleasure-seeking, power, greed, and other issues rather than the gift God intended it to be.

What drives Delilah to entice Sampson? Read Judges 16:20-21. God has planned Sampson's birth, gave Sampson power and purpose for his life. Sampson's source of strength was from God, but he was unaware that the Lord had left him. (v20) Why do you think Sampson was unaware of this? Discuss how the story might have been different if Sampson and Delilah had God as their first love.

Read Song of Songs 2:3-13. In what ways does this passage reflect the feelings of Eros love? How does the passage show closeness, connection, and affirmation of the one they love? How would you describe God's plan for this kind of love?

Read 1 Cor 6:12-20. Why do you think we are told to run from this sin (v18)? What do you learn about our bodies here? Why do you think God warns us about this?

## 5 PRAY:

About 15 minutes

The read the Scripture Card Prayer Prompts below and take a moment for the group to individually and silently reflect on it. Have the group share prayer requests. The leader will pray for the prayer requests and close with the prayer below.

*Lord, we acknowledge that every good and perfect gift is from you. Thank you that you are love and your love is perfect in every way. Thank you that we are fully known and fully loved by you. We acknowledge that our sin brings heartache and leads us away from you and your plans for us. We silently lift these ways we have fallen short to you now....[time of silent prayer]. We also have been hurt by the sins of others and ask for your healing in this time of silent prayer now...[silent prayer]. Thank you for forgiveness of all our sin through your son Jesus Christ. Help us to know your love and show it in all we do and say. Amen*

# THE [DISCIPLE] LIFE

## Pray

Celebrate this gift of love...thanking God right now.

Be honest of God how you've been hurt, confused or even disillusioned by this kind of love. Share your heart with him and listen for his tender, compassionate response.

Invite God to renew your heart and mind...deepening your identity in Jesus and giving you his perspective and his power to navigate the challenges of this in the culture you live in.

## Live It Out

*Over the course of the next week read the entire book of Song of Songs to get a picture of how beautiful Eros love is when used under God's direction and parameters. Ask God, what does love require of me this week? Ask him for courage...and follow.*

**Jesus, thank you for inviting me  
into this LIFE of following you today!**

## 6

## LIVE IT OUT:

About 2 minutes

Read the "Live It Out" section and invite the group to complete the reading and reflect on it throughout the week.