



discussion
questions



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BELONG

1. How many people would you say that you truly love? What is it about these people that makes you love them? Is it always easy to love other people?
2. Do you have anyone in your life that you find it hard to love? Why is that? Have they hurt you or offended you in some way? What makes you feel negatively towards them?

GROW

1. *In Scripture, we are clearly taught that we each received God's love at a time in our lives where we were "unlovable." In short, we did not earn or deserve God's love in any way. Assign the following verses to members of the group and have them read them out loud, taking time as a group to discuss as you go:*
 - a. 1 John 4:10 b. 1 John 4:19 c. Romans 5:8-9 d. Ephesians 2:2-5
2. *Jesus was often questioned or criticized for the types of people He spent time with (tax collectors, "sinners," people of low social status, etc.). But in doing this, He gave us an example of reaching out to others who are different from ourselves. When was the last time you intentionally went out of your comfort zone to reach out to someone different than you?*
3. *In John 13:34-36, Jesus is talking to His disciples shortly before His death and He gives His followers a few final instructions. Have one of your group members read the verses aloud and discuss Jesus' words.*
4. *1 Corinthians 13 contains perhaps the most famous description of love in all of Scripture. Have your group open their Bibles to this passage and take turns reading a few verses until the whole chapter is read.*
 - a. *What do verses 1-3 state about the importance of love? Do you often consider your attitude while you work, play, serve, etc.? What do these verses state about things done without love?*
 - b. *What phrases stand out most to you in verses 4-7? Why?*
 - c. *Verse 13 states that Love is greater than Faith. Do you feel that we act that way as a church (worldwide or local)?*

REACH

1. Read Romans 8:38-39 and consider the beauty of this passage. How does it make you feel to know that there is absolutely nothing that can change how God feels toward you as a believer? Can you imagine not having this assurance...living your life in hopes of earning God's love but never being certain?
2. Who have you been withholding love from lately (a person or perhaps a group of people)? What actions can you take this week to correct your thoughts and behaviors to show love to this person or group?