



## INTRODUCTION

REAL love is a verb. You know the old saying “Actions speak louder than words.” More than ever the world needs to experience the REAL love God has to offer. A love not steeped in empty verbiage and promises, but a love shown in sacrifice and authenticity. So ask yourself are you ready to get REAL about love?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would you define love? Describe a time when someone did something for you that really made you feel loved.
2. Read **1 John 4:9-10**. Give an example of a time that you have shown this kind of love or received this kind of love? What holds us back from loving people first (this includes the unlovable)?
3. What aspect of the love of God is most precious to you? Why?
4. What aspect of the love of God is most challenging to you? Why?
5. Read **1 John 4:11-21**. How would your outlook on life, your regard for others and the way you relate to others be changed if you lived with the settled sense that you are loved by God?
6. What specific action do you need to take this week in order to be REAL with people and with God?

## MOVING FORWARD

REAL love is others-focused and works for the good of others. It’s not wrong to feel good when you’re around other people, but if that’s what you’re looking for, then love will be fickle and changing. Our response of God’s love in our lives is to love others with the same kind of unconditional love that God shows us. As you receive God’s love into your life, you are able to share God’s love with others.

## CHANGING YOUR MIND

*This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. 1 John 4:10*