

The Love of God | Week 2

Introduction

God isn't just loving—He IS love. His agape love is unconditional and the most powerful force in the universe. To understand what love truly is, we must look at God's nature.

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- How have you experienced or noticed God's love in your everyday life this past week?
- This past weekend, we celebrated baptisms at Sun Valley. If you give and serve at Sun Valley, you are a part of the movement, and you play a part in every one of those stories. Thank you! If you aren't currently serving, now is a great time to join the movement and be a part of what God is doing here!
 - Is anyone in the group on a serving team? Why do you love it?
 - If you aren't serving, what is holding you back?

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, stood out to you, or challenged you from this weekend's teaching?

[Watch the Video](#) (5 minutes)

- Prepare to watch the video by opening your Bible to [1 Corinthians 13:4-8](#).

Group Discussion (45 minutes)

Starter Question from the Video:

1. What would it look like to put love into action this week?

Scripture Observation:

2. Read [1 Corinthians 13:4-7](#) again. Circle or note one word or phrase that stands out to you. Share which word you chose and why it caught your attention.

Scripture Interpretation/Discussion:

3. Read [1 John 4:8](#). What is the difference between saying "God is loving" and saying "God is love," and why does that difference matter?
4. How does understanding that God Himself is the definition of love change the way we think about what love should look like in our relationships?

Personal Application:

5. When we look at the characteristics of love in 1 Corinthians 13, we're actually looking at God's character. Which of these characteristics do you find most challenging to live out, and how can you invite God to help you grow in that area this week?

6. God's agape love is unconditional and never-ending. How does knowing you are loved this way by God change the way you see yourself and the way you love others?

Prayer (5 minutes)

Close your group time in prayer. You can use these words or your own:

"Father, You are love. Thank You that Your love for us is unconditional and never-ending. Help us to know Your love deeply and to share it with the people You have put in our lives. Amen."

For Further Exploration (Optional)

Read [Romans 5:8](#). How does this verse show us that God's love is truly unconditional?

Practices to Help You Grow This Week

- Reflect: Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 each day, replacing the word "love" with "God" to see His character more clearly.
- Practice: Choose one characteristic of love from the passage and intentionally practice it in a specific relationship.
- Share: Tell someone this week about God's unconditional love and how it has changed your life.

Announcements

Easter is coming soon, and it is a time when our friends, family, and neighbors who do not know Jesus are likely to accept an invitation to church. We expect to see hundreds of new guests this Easter, and want to invite you to be a part of creating a wonderful experience for them.

If you are not currently part of a serving team, this is the perfect time to try one out! Serving together with your small group makes it even more fun.

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