

THIS IS LIFE

SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

ROMANS 12:9-10

| GOD DEFINES LOVE AND MY LIFE DISPLAYS LOVE |

Before diving into the discussion, spend some time hanging out and catching up with your group. Focus on their personal lives and casually talk about what's going on in their world!

Goal of Small Group: Help students understand that because God is love, God defines love. Make it clear that a biblical definition of love is built on choice and sacrifice, not simply a strong "feeling." Steer discussion towards uncovering the truth that God's love was given to us for us to better love ourselves and others.

DISCUSS

1. Everyone write your own definition of love. (pass out paper and pencils to each student)

- Have each student share their definition.
- ASK: Why do you think our definitions were different?

2. How would you say the world/culture/society defines love?

- How does that definition affect your understanding of love?
- Does it affect our expectations for love? How so?

Read 1 Corinthians 13

3. How does this passage define love?

- What are the key differences between a biblical definition of love and a worldly one?
- How does this kind of love show sacrifice? How does it show that love requires a choice?

Read 1 John 4:7-19

4. Where does this passage say love comes from? (v. 7)

- What does this passage say we should do because of God's love? (v. 11)
- What does this passage teach us about our MOTIVATION for love? (v. 19)
- What are some other motivations for love? Why does motivation matter?

Read Matthew 22:36-40

5. How important does Jesus say love is? Explain...

- What does it look like to love God with all your heart? All your soul? All your mind?
- Why do we need to consider love from each of these aspects of life?
- How is the Christian life DEFINED by our ability to love? (**John 13:34-35**)

6. What are some of the ways we can "display God's love" in our lives? (Make a list)

CHALLENGE/APPLICATION ...

- How will you pray differently after tonight's message? What specifically will you pray about?
- What passage/verse will you rely on or memorize to help you redefine love and display love?
- What is one action step you will take right away to put love on display in your life?

Take time to pray for one another.



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