

MEMBERSHIP & FRIENDS



CURRENT SERIES:

Week 1:
Love(r)



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

→ Family Birthday Celebration

CALENDAR:

- BIG STUF- June 14-18!
- Family Birthday Celebration- May 2.

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Bottom Line: We don't always love other as we should because we don't fully understand God's love.

Message Overview:

Everyday we are around people- family, friends, teammates etc. that we have a chance to love on. There are times and circumstances when we are more likely to love on those around us but if we were all totally honest with ourselves, most of us would recognize and admit that we don't live as loving as we'd like in our relationships with others. Maybe there are times when you're just reluctant, maybe there are those times when you just don't feel like it. But the reality is that we don't feel the weight of what it means to really be able to love on people the way God love us. God through the Apostle John helped us see that one of the reasons we don't live more loving is because we don't "know" God's love. Yes we know God loves us but we forget why he loves us. We forget what had to happen so that he could love us so unconditionally. But as we begin to see God's love as one way, at His expense, for our benefit, we are more likely to extend that love to others.

Scripture References: Matthew 1 John 4:10

Questions:

- 1.) What words come to mind when you think of God's love?
- 2.) What's one way those who know you well would say you could be more loving?
- 3.) Do you tend to view God's love based on the circumstances you face in life?
- 4.) Do you tend to view God's love based on your performance in life?
- 5.) What do you think has shaped your view of God's love the most?
- 6.) Is there anything holding you back from really experiencing God's love for you?
- 7.) What makes it so hard sometimes to love others the way God loves us?
- 8.) What do you think would help you understand God's love more?
- 9.) How can Christian music, Bible reading, and prayer help further develop your understanding of God's love for you?

The Next Step:

X/IO: Answer the questions- Why is it important to know about God's love before we can show it to others? Who are those people in your life that you see that you should be more loving to? Who are those friends, teammates, sibling, parents, etc. that you could be more loving to? This week challenge your students to be intentional about loving those around them. Encourage them to take step towards loving those around them.