



THE ONE ANOTHERS

Love One Another

Romans 12:10

(Notes for leaders are in black)

LOVE: SECTION ONE

TAKEAWAY: Simply reflect on the power of love and its prominence in God's priorities and values for us.

After a discourse on spiritual gifts exercised in the church, Paul writes:

And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.

- 1 Corinthians 13:13

Additionally, about love, Jesus said it is so powerful that simply loving God and loving others keeps us obedient to the entire Old Testament. He said it this way:

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

- Matthew 22:36-40

1. Very clearly throughout scripture love is vitally important. Why do you think that is?

Let the conversation go as wide and deep as you'd like here. There are so many different valid answers to this prompt.

LOVE: SECTION TWO

TAKEAWAY: To love well is to love sacrificially.

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this; to lay down one's life for one's friends.

- John 15:12-13

2. Based on this instruction from Jesus, what do you think it means when we are told to love one another?

Help them see that true love requires true sacrifice.

3. What do you think it practically means to lay down your life for your friends? To truly love sacrificially?

LOVE: SECTION THREE

TAKEAWAY: Recognize the power sacrificial love has on both the giver and receiver.

4. Can you remember a time when someone loved you sacrificially? Tell us about it and the impact it had on you.
5. I know it feels potentially immodest to answer this question, but can you think of a time when you loved someone sacrificially? What did you gain from that experience?
6. Do you think we come to understand God's heart for us a little better when we have the experience of loving others? Why or why not?

LOVE: SECTION FOUR

TAKEAWAY: Practical application of the discussion.

7. What do you think holds us back from loving others as we are called to love them?
8. What can you do this week to love someone as Jesus loved you?

