



Weekend Resources

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The Relationship Question

Use these questions and resources during your study time or with your group.

RECAP: It's about making better decisions now so we have fewer regrets later. Our decisions determine the direction and quality of our life, so we need to ask better questions. Through five key questions, we explore how to move from reactive, short-sighted choices to intentional, wise living — or as we like to call it, walking **The Road Less Stupid**.

MAIN POINTS

- Love Requires Proximity
- Love Requires Dignity
- Love Requires Cost

GETTING STARTED

- If you could instantly be an expert at one everyday skill (like cooking, fixing things, or remembering names), what would you choose?

SCRIPTURE

- [John 13:34-35, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, Philippians 2:6-8](#)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **When you picture Jesus kneeling to wash his disciples' feet—knowing betrayal, denial, and abandonment were coming—what stands out to you most about that moment?** What does it reveal to you about how Jesus views power, love, or leadership?
- The message says that love often *doesn't make sense in the moment* and only becomes clear later. **Have you ever experienced a time when something loving felt confusing, uncomfortable, or costly at first—but made more sense with hindsight?** What did that teach you about love?
- Jesus says, *"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."* **When you look at the world today, what do you think people notice—or assume—about Christians based on how we treat others?** How does that statement from Jesus sit with you personally?

APPLICATION

- **Love requires proximity:** Is there anyone you've kept at a distance—emotionally, relationally, or even intentionally—because it feels uncomfortable, inconvenient, or complicated?
- **Love requires dignity:** Think about a relationship or group of people where it's easy to label, dismiss, or assume the worst. What would it look like to respond in a way that protects their dignity—even if you strongly disagree with them?
- **Love requires cost:** When you ask, *"What does love require of me?"* what resistance do you feel most—losing comfort, being misunderstood, giving up being right, or something else? What might love be inviting you to lay down, even if there's no guarantee it will be returned?

RESOURCES

- **Closing Prayer:** God, thank You for loving us first—before we understood, before we deserved it, and before we even knew what love would cost You. Help us notice where You're inviting us closer to others, especially when it feels uncomfortable. Teach us to see people the way You see them—with dignity, compassion, and grace. And when love asks something of us that feels costly, give us courage to trust You and take the next right step. We want our lives to reflect Your love in real, visible ways. We offer ourselves to You, and we ask all of this in Jesus' name. Amen.