

Group Discussion Guide

Week of July 25, 2021

Look How They Love One Another Matthew 22:35-40

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- Share a time when someone loved you in a way that made a big impact on your life.
- Can you recall a time when someone loved you when you did not feel like you deserved to be loved?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking over your notes from this past teaching... was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

MAIN POINT

It's impossible to separate these two things... loving God means we also love other people.

THE WORD

Read – Matthew 22:35-40

DIGGING DEEPER

- In what ways have you seen people misunderstand what it means to be loving towards other people?
- What do you see as the difference between... loving others as an attempt to EARN salvation vs. loving others as EVIDENCE of salvation?
- How loving is today's CHRISTIAN CHURCH perceived as being, by those who are not believers?
- How loving are YOU perceived as being, by those who are not believers?

Read – John 14:15

- How does Jesus say we show our love for Him?

Read – John 13:34-35

- What is Jesus' command to us?

| *The Greek word used for "LOVE" in that passage is "AGAPE" and it means a love that is unconditional. Not a feeling, but an action.*

- How does that definition of love affect your understanding of what Jesus is commanding?
- How has our culture promoted the thought that we must first FEEL love before we can ACT loving?
- How is that thought process different than what we are taught in scripture?
- Do you think it's right or wrong to act loving even if you don't feel it? Why?
- Share a time you loved someone even though you didn't feel love for them

Read – 1 John 4:20

- How can we struggle with making the mistake of separating the two... love for God and love for others?
- Why do you think it's so important to God that we love other people?
- Do you think God loves you more, the more you love others? Explain

TAKING IT HOME

Read – 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- Which of these acts of love is most difficult for you?
- Consider how you can work on this aspect of love this week.

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS