



MANNA CHURCH HAWAII - SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Sept 6, 2026 | This Is Who We Are - Part 3: Love The World

ICEBREAKER QUESTION: If you could have a superpower, what would it be and why?

MESSAGE SUMMARY & SCRIPTURES:

Over the past few weeks, we have been looking at the foundation of who we are at Manna Church through the Three Loves: Love God, Love Each Other, and Love the World. We love God because He first loved us, and everything we do flows from His love rather than trying to earn it. We love each other because Jesus did not design us to follow Him alone. He calls us out of the crowd and into life-giving community where we can experience healing, growth, and encouragement through His people. But following Jesus was never meant to stop with us. Jesus gave us the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20, calling us to go and make disciples. The finish line of our faith is not simply attending church, growing personally, and becoming more involved. Jesus calls us to live beyond ourselves and bring His love to the world around us.

2 Corinthians 5:15, 18-20 reminds us that Jesus died so that we would no longer live only for ourselves. He has given every follower of Jesus the ministry and message of reconciliation, making us ambassadors for Christ wherever He places us. That means our purpose is not limited to a church building or a ministry position. God can use us in our families, workplaces, schools, neighborhoods, and friendships to help people encounter Jesus. We are witnesses, simply sharing what we have experienced and pointing others toward the One who changed our lives. Whether it is inviting someone to church, praying for someone by name, walking a friend through One2One, or simply being intentional with the people God has placed around us, relational outreach is part of who we are.

Loving the world also means caring about people beyond what they can give us in return. Throughout Scripture, God calls His people to be generous and open-handed toward those in need. Deuteronomy 15:10-11 reminds us to willingly open our hands to the poor and needy. At Manna, we live this out through good works, strategic partnerships, and passion projects that bring practical help and the love of Jesus into our community. Good works can create goodwill and open doors for the Good News. But outreach requires something from all of us. It costs our time, talent, and treasure. Still, when we choose to live beyond ourselves and move in the direction God is moving, we get to be part of changing lives and changing our world. Outreach is who we are, not just what we do.

GOING DEEPER: (break up into groups of no more than 4-6 for discussion)

1. Share something that stood out to you from the message or the summary?
 2. Think about the people in your life. Who has made a meaningful difference in your life simply because they cared enough to show up, help, encourage, or invest in you?
 3. Why do you think it can sometimes be easy for people to become focused on their own goals, problems, comfort, and responsibilities instead of noticing the needs of people around them?
 4. The message talked about four ways we can love the world through outreach: relational outreach, good works, strategic partnerships, and passion projects. Which one connects most with your heart or gifts, and why?
- ACTION STEP:** What is one specific step you can take using your time, talent, or treasure to show people how we can love the world?

PRAYER: (break up into groups of 2-3 for prayer):

Father, thank You for calling us to live beyond ourselves. Help us stay close to You and follow Your heart. Open our eyes to the needs around us and help us love people generously. Give us courage to be Your witnesses and share the hope and love of Jesus wherever we go. Amen.



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MANNAYOUTH DISCUSSION GUIDE

ICEBREAKER QUESTION: If you could have a superpower, what would it be and why?

MESSAGE SUMMARY & SCRIPTURES:

Over the past few weeks, we have been learning about the Three Loves that are a big part of who we are at Manna: Love God, Love Each Other, and Love the World. We love God because He loved us first. We do not have to earn His love by trying harder or doing more. We love each other because Jesus did not create us to follow Him alone. We need friends, family, leaders, and other believers who can encourage us, pray for us, and help us grow closer to Jesus. But our faith was never meant to stop with us. Jesus gave us the Great Commission and called us to go and make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20). Following Jesus means looking beyond ourselves and helping other people experience His love too.

In 2 Corinthians 5:15, 18-20, Paul reminds us that Jesus died so we would no longer live only for ourselves. He has called us to be His ambassadors, which means we represent Jesus wherever we go. That includes at home with our family, at school with classmates, on our sports teams, online, and with our friends. You do not have to be a pastor or have all the answers for God to use you. Sometimes loving the world looks like inviting a friend to youth, praying for someone who is struggling, encouraging a classmate, checking in on someone who seems lonely, or sharing how Jesus has changed your life. We can simply point people toward the One who has changed us.

Loving the world also means caring about people who need help, even when we do not get anything back in return. Throughout the Bible, God calls His people to be generous and care for those in need (Deuteronomy 15:10-11). We can love people through serving, giving, using our gifts, partnering with others, and supporting causes God puts on our hearts. Good works can show people the love of Jesus and open doors for us to share the Good News. Outreach may cost us time, energy, talent, or money, but when we choose to live beyond ourselves, we get to be part of making a difference in someone else's life. Loving the world is not just something we do once in a while. It is part of who we are as followers of Jesus.

GOING DEEPER: (break up into groups of no more than 4-6 for discussion)

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from the message or the summary?
2. Think about someone who has made a difference in your life by encouraging you, helping you, praying for you, or simply showing up for you. What did they do that meant so much to you?
3. Why do you think it can be easy to get so focused on our own schoolwork, homework, sports, friendships, family situations, and problems that we forget to notice what other people may be going through?
4. The message talked about different ways we can love the world, like reaching out to friends, serving others, giving, partnering with others, or using the gifts God has given us. Which way connects most with you? **ACTION STEP:** Who is one person you can intentionally reach out to or encourage this week, and what is one practical thing you can do to show them the love of Jesus?

PRAYER: (break up into groups of 2-3 for prayer):

Father, thank You for calling us to live beyond ourselves and love the people around us. Open our eyes to classmates, teammates, friends, and family members who may need encouragement, hope, or someone to show them they care. Give us courage to serve, reach out, and share the love of Jesus wherever we go. Use our lives to help others experience the hope and love that can only be found in You. Amen.

Referenced Scripture: Matthew 22:36-40, 2 Corinthians 5:18-20, Matthew 28:18-20

We love _____...

- We do things _____ God's love, not _____ God's love.

We love _____

We love the _____

2 Corinthians 5:15 *Christ died for all so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for the one who died for them and was raised.*

4 Types of Outreach

1. _____ Outreach

Acts 1:8 *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my **witnesses** in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth*

Deuteronomy 15:10-11 *"Give to (the poor), and don't have a stingy heart when you give, and because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all **your** work and in everything **you** do. For there will never cease to be poor people in the land; that is why I am commanding you, 'Open your hand willingly to your poor and needy brother in the land.'"*

2. _____ Outreach

- Good Works → Good Will → Good News

3. _____ Partnerships

4. _____ Projects

Outreach is who we _____, not just what we _____.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Discussion Guide/Going Deeper:



Growth Track:



Give toward Outreach Strategy:

