

Sermon Discussion Questions

Words: LOVE – Matt Slocum
18 June 2023 – Father’s Day
Sermon Text: John 4:7-19

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

This week in our series, we are looking at the power of the word - Love. When Jesus met the woman at the well in John 4, his words were not to bring her shame, but to bring healing and speak love. Because of our heavenly Father, no matter our past, he is here in our present to welcome and accept us, and to draw us into a better future living in our true identity.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to consider your words and think if you participate in gossip. Be honest. Did anything come to mind of where you might be gossiping? Is there someone in your life who is trying to get you to gossip with them?
2. What is something that really jumped out at you from the message this week?
3. “Words don’t describe who we are. They are who we become.” What do you think of that statement?
4. What happens when someone who is supposed to love you, doesn’t? What happens when someone thinks they are unlovable?
5. The woman at the well had experienced rejection and that rejection shaped how she thought of herself. What is different about her encounter with Jesus? What difference did that make in her life?

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. What is your favorite BBQ food?
2. What is your favorite summertime activity? Why?
3. What are the names of the neighbors who live to the left or right of you?

APPLICATION

This week, lower your defenses. Assume a position where your guard is lowered in your physical being and in your mind. Listen for the voice of love to tell you who you are.

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on at NWC, go to <https://nwckc.com> or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Study materials are also available on the website or Facebook page.

Child Dedications, 25 June, 9 and 11 am, Oak Park HS. See website for more details and to register.

New Wine Kids Camp at PowerPlay, 12-14 July, 10 am to 2 pm. Ages 4 through 5th grade. Cost is \$75. See website for more details and to register.

FINAL THOUGHT

If we listen, we will become who the voice of love says we are.