

Preparing for the HOLIDAZE

Table Discussion Guide

Week 2 - Love

Main Point: When we love God most, we love others best

Discussion Opener

Share what your life typically looks like during the Holiday season. Once everyone has shared, ask this question: What would it look like if you got your dream Holiday season?

Discussion Questions

1. In Romans 12:18, the Greek word for peace is '*Eireneuo*' (pronounced i-rane-yoo'-o). It is actually a *verb* meaning 'to make peace' or 'to cultivate peace'. Living at peace with people is not something that is passive, it will take making and cultivating. How are you 'cultivating' peace with your friends, family, co-workers, etc. this Holiday season?
2. Make It Personal: Let's take a moment for self-awareness. In the message, there were 3 Types of Love that have to do us - conditional love, self-focused love, and partisan love. Have you been or are you struggling with any of these listed? What is the greatest hurdle personally that you seem to face when it comes to loving others?
3. We are challenged to try a *new* kind of love - demonstrated in action, selfless in motive, redemptive in effort, and offered to all. What would it look like practically in your life to try these?

Practice/Discipline For the Week: Bible Study/Scripture Reading - It's hard to love people sometimes. It's especially hard when we do not understand what love really is. When we love God most, we love others best. True love in us comes from an understanding of the love God has for us. This week, spend daily time in the Bible reading about God's love for you. Our prayer is that once you see His great love for you, even with all of your flaws, it will soften your heart to love those around you the same.

