



Sacrificial Love

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1. In Genesis 3:14-15, we learn that even after humanity's rebellion, God does not curse humanity for sins. Further, He does not abandon us, yet He continues to pursue in love when people fail. When you have sinned, what was your response? What do you think was God's response?
2. Pastor Troy asked us to "challenge the lens" in the ways we view God. We learned that God's love is:
 - Committed: in pursuit of, with unchanged character despite others' behaviors
 - Covenant: non-contractual binding established by a relationship
 - Self - sacrificing: willing and not without a cost.
 - A. Discuss how these definitions/terms challenge your views of love. How do our perceptions shape our beliefs, behaviors, and actions? Are there any parts that you wrestle with most? Why do you think that is?
 - B. What does God's description of love teach us about His character and others? What prevents us from loving in these ways?
3. Consider the following verses; John 15:9-13, Romans 5: 6-8, 1 John 4:7-10. In what ways do these verses help shape your lens of God's character and the definition of love?
4. How can we respond to God's love?
 - Acknowledge
 - Embrace
 - Embody

Discuss what each of these means. In what areas do you doubt or find difficulties with? How can this group work help to overcome them?