

# No Greater Love

## God Is Love

March 15, 2026

1. Read Jeremiah 31:3. Discuss what your ideas are about the meaning of love. How were you influenced by love, and how was it expressed (either received or given)? Where do your views come from? Discuss ways 'love' has been interpreted and applied in your life. In what ways does your description of love line up with the verse?
2. Pastor Jack described 4 ways Agape Love (the perfect form of love) is demonstrated:
  - a. *Pursuing* - In biblical times, God was faithful and described as "relentless", despite rebellion, in His faithful pursuit of loving us. Where do you see God pursuing people in scripture, and how have you experienced God relentless in pursuit of you? Are there areas where you feel God is not pursuing you or areas you don't want Him to?
  - b. *Sacrificial* - a love that is willing to sacrifice; love "costs" something. How is this different from the love we understand, and what feelings come up when you hear the word sacrifice/sacrificial? What makes love sacrificial versus sentimental, or emotional?
  - c. *Unconditional* - without restrictions or predetermined ideals. What conditions do you tend to put on others and yourself to look and feel 'lovable' (performance, appearance, spirituality, etc.)? What part of unconditional love is the hardest for you to comprehend? Why?
  - d. *Transforming* - shaping, forming, remodeling. In what ways are we enabled to change our responses to others? In what areas do you find discomfort that may be preventing or hindering your personal transformation or change? How can 1 John 4:16-21 serve as a reminder to encourage the goal of transformation?
3. What have you learned about your capacity to love? What are the competing factors that occupy your time and attention away from fully embodying love, both your ability to give it, and receive it? What is one thing you can practically work on this week to receive or give love in a way that God loves us?