

Our **Virtual**

PowerGroup

Love Like That
Week 2 Study

Icebreaker

JOIN A LOVE LIKE THAT POWERGROUP

Each week, you can view a brief video from #1 New York Times bestselling author and psychologist Dr. Les Parrott and then engage in thought provoking and relationship improving discussion.

Icebreaker

For each statement, put the number that best describes you.

Never(1)

Rarely(3)

Sometimes(5)

Often(7)

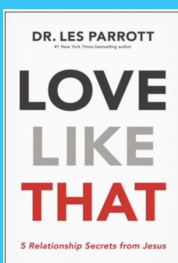
- People know me to be more inclusive than exclusive.*
- I welcome people with differing ideas or political viewpoints even to the point of "turning the other cheek."*
- I lean into humility far more than I lean into pride.*
- I absolutely detest the idea of looking down on others or being snobbish.*
- I want to include anyone who looks to be left out or feeling rejected.*
- I'm known by my friends as someone who reaches out to undesirable people.*
- I intentionally do not size people up by their clothes or their appearance.*
- I intentionally work at being less self-centered and feeling superior to others.*
- I'm the first to make sure someone in a social setting feels accepted and included.*
- I work diligently to love my enemies – the people that make my life difficult.*

Reflection

When you think of a person who is non-approachable, who comes to mind and why? How about the opposite? Who is one of the most approachable people you know or have met? How did they make you feel by being approachable? How Approachable Are You?

If you haven't done so, take the self-inventory on the sermon outline or online at LoveLikeThatBook.com.

How do you feel about the results of your self-inventory? Would you be willing to invite a trusted friend, spouse, parent or child to review the results with you? Why or why not?



Passage 1 **Luke 7:36-50**

Reflection Describe a time you didn't feel included or felt left out. How did it make you feel and how did you respond?

Read Luke 7:36-50. Why do you think Jesus was so different from the Pharisees in the way He was approachable to the undesirable or ignored?

Who in your life has played the role of Simon, questioning your value? Who has played the role of Jesus, believing in and sticking up for you?

Passage 2 **Luke 19:1-10**

Reflection Read Luke 18:9-14. The biggest barrier to being approachable is unhealthy pride. Where are you most vulnerable to unhealthy pride? Who are the people that you tend to exclude or distance yourself from?

How would you rate your level of unhealthy pride over the past week?

Genuinely humble and pretty inclusive ← → *Self-consumed and pretty exclusive*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**(Note where you fall on this continuum when you were at your best and at your worse over the past seven days.)*

Passage 3 **Luke 15:11-32**

Reflection Read Luke 15:11-32.

How approachable did the son expect his father to be? How surprising was his father's response?

Why is the older brother so upset at his father's response (vs 25-30)?

In your relationships, have you been more like the prodigal, the father, or the older brother this past week?

What can you apply from this story to your relationships this week?

Passage 4

Corinthians 12:18-26

Reflection Read 1 Corinthians 12:18-26.

When it comes to the body of Christ, which part(s) do you tend to give less honor, attention, or focus?

What can you do to become more engaged and inclusive with these people?

Application

Who is the person in your life that you would like to be more approachable with?

What is it that most gets in the way?

What is one practical thing you can do to become more approachable with the person you noted? Be as concrete and specific as you can be. Now go and do it!

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