



Morning Star Las Cruces 2025 Discussion Questions

July 27, 2025 - Back-to-School Blessing

Title: Love from the Center

Text: Romans 12:9-13 (The Message)

Preacher: Amy

1. What's one thing you loved (or dreaded) about going back to school when you were a kid? (Or what do you feel now if you're still in school?)

2. Who is someone you know who loves from the center of who they are — genuinely and wholeheartedly? What does that love look like in action?

3. What stood out to you in the message titled “Love from the Center?” What phrase, story, or idea especially resonated with you that you wanted to discuss?

4. Romans 12:9-13. Some translations call this passage, “The Marks of the True Christian.” Name one attribute or action in this list that you’d like to cultivate with the help of the Holy Spirit. Why?

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5. What are some ways that you can “hold fast to what is good,” or as The Message paraphrase says, “hold on for dear life?”

6. How could you “pursue hospitality to strangers” or “be inventive in hospitality” this school year? (Remember: Camino Real Middle School is located next door to the church! How could you get involved?)

7. Read Philippians 2:1–4. What similarities do you notice between this passage and Romans 12:9–13? How do these texts challenge how we typically relate to others in competitive or stressful environments?

8. Read Luke 10:25–37. What does it look like to “love from the center” in this story? How might it inspire us in our schools, our neighborhoods, our churches, even in our families?

9. Which verse from Romans 12:9–13 do you most need to carry with you this season? How might it shape your prayers, habits or relationships?

10. How could your group pray for you (or someone you love) as a new school year begins?

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