



Faith Community Church
Love One Another
(Standing firm, Part 6)

Faith Group Questions
& Discussion Guide



🙏 **Opening Prayer:** Lord Jesus, the promise of Your return may tempt us to sit back and wait, but You have called us to intentional growth in love and holiness. Help us to lean into that, and to find ways to share You with those You place in our worlds.



Icebreaker: Share one sentence: “Someone once showed me real love by ____.” Keep it light and positive.



Key Points

1. **Growing.** Jesus’ return should not make us withdraw from the world but should make us more intentional about growing in Christ-like love and holiness right now.
2. **Agape.** God’s agape love does not insist on its own way, is not earned by good behavior, and seeks the true good of the other person rather than personal happiness.
3. **Love and Truth.** True biblical love never separates itself from truth—it cares enough to speak hard things when someone is in spiritual or relational danger.
4. **Demonstrating Love.** We demonstrate this highest form of love by saying it, serving, sacrificing, and sharing—especially the gospel—with both the church family and everyone God places in our paths.



Discussion Questions

1. Did you work on hope, joy, or your crown of rejoicing last week? Tell us about it!
2. How does the world’s common definition of love (centered on personal happiness or “I’ll love you as long as you meet my expectations”) differ from the love Paul prays for in 1 Thessalonians 3? (1 Corinthians 13:4-7 - discuss each element of these verses!)
3. Discuss the significance in how Jesus demonstrated the greatest love by laying down His life rather than pursuing His own comfort. (1 John 3:16-18, Philippians 2:5-8)

4. We can't share God's love until we know and receive it. In what ways do you readily receive God's love? Where/when do you hold it at arm's length? How can truly receiving His love change how you share it? (Ephesians 3:14-19, 1 John 4:16-19)
5. God loved us "even when we were dead in our sins." How should that impact how we treat people who have not earned our love or who have disappointed us? (Rom 5:8,10)
6. What does it look like in everyday relationships to "speak the truth in love" rather than remaining silent to avoid discomfort or simply affirming whatever someone wants to hear? (Ephesians 2:14-15, Galatians 6:1-3)
7. Why does Paul pray for love that increases both "for one another" (inside the church) and "for all" (outside the church), and how should the reality of Jesus' return intensify that dual focus? (John 13:34-35, Matthew 5:38-48)
8. Of the four practical ways to demonstrate agape love—saying it, serving, sacrificing, and sharing—which one feels most natural to you right now, and which one feels most challenging? (Ephesians 5:2; Hebrews 13:16)



Practical Applications

1. **Say it.** This week, intentionally speak love. Choose at least two people (one inside the church family and one outside) and clearly tell them you love or appreciate them, then follow up with one specific way you will serve or encourage them.
2. **Sacrifice.** Ask the Lord to show you one area where you have been protecting your comfort, time, or resources; take a concrete action this week - that costs you something - to serve another person.
3. **Share.** Write down the names of 3 people who don't know Christ with whom you can share your time, treasure, or talents. As you take steps to share, intentionally share the gospel with them, also.



Closing Prayer: Father, thank You for loving us so deeply, so selflessly, so faithfully. Help us to grow in our love for each other and for those outside Your body. Please use that love, Lord, to draw a dying world to Yourself. In Jesus' Name, Amen.