

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## **INTRODUCTION**

We all go through phases. Whether we are aware of it or not, we were most successful when someone noticed us, and helped us, not according to what they wanted, but what we needed at the time. This message will look at how God faithfully attends to us and how we can reciprocate this love to others.

## **GETTING STARTED**

1. Describe a time that someone attended to your needs during an important event in your life?
2. Where do you direct the majority of your time and energy? Are you happy with where your time and energy is going? Why or why not?

## **BIBLE IDEA**

3. Read Romans 5:6-8. What impresses you about God's demonstration of love? What emotions and thoughts does it evoke?
4. Read Romans 12:9-13, which instructs Christians how to treat one another in a church community. Of the behaviors listed, identify your strengths and your weaknesses.
5. In what way are you experiencing Christian community as described in this passage? In what ways are you satisfied? In which areas do you want to experience more?

## **NEXT STEPS**

6. Other than family members, to whom are you devoted to? What practical ways are you attending to their needs, spiritually, relationally, practically?
7. What is one practical way you can demonstrate your love to someone else?

## IT'S JUST A PHASE

\_\_\_\_\_ – to give attention and energy; to look after; to care for; to take care of

Romans 5:6-8

<sup>6</sup>You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Real love \_\_\_\_\_ to one another through the \_\_\_\_\_.

God demonstrates love by...

- A. He was \_\_\_\_\_ of our timeline.
- B. He was \_\_\_\_\_ to our need.
- C. He \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. He \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 12:9-13

<sup>9</sup>Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup>Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.