

# Leader's Guide

Honoring Moms & One Another

Romans 12:9-13

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## Discussion Goal

To help the group understand that love is the defining mark of a follower of Jesus and to encourage participants to both receive and practice sincere, sacrificial love through humility, encouragement, hospitality, and intentional relationships.

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## Opening Icebreaker

Who is someone outside of your immediate family who had a positive influence on your life growing up? What made them memorable?

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## Discussion Questions

1. Who has been a “mothering” or nurturing presence in your life - someone who encouraged, cared for, or helped shape your faith? What stands out to you most about the way they loved you?

### Follow-Up Prompts

- What specific qualities made their love impactful?
- Did they influence you through words, actions, consistency, or presence?
- How did their example shape the way you view God or relationships today?

2. Romans 12 says that “love must be sincere.” What do you think sincere love actually looks like in everyday life, and where do you see that kind of love lacking in our culture right now?

### Follow-Up Prompts

- What makes love feel genuine instead of performative?

- Why do you think sincere love can sometimes feel rare?
- How can Christians reflect a different kind of love than what the world often models?

### ***Leader Insight***

*Help the group move beyond abstract definitions and into practical examples: listening well, showing up consistently, forgiving quickly, making time for people, telling the truth with grace, etc.*

### **Additional Scripture**

- John 13:34–35
- 1 Corinthians 13:1–7
- 1 John 3:18

**3.** The message emphasized hospitality, encouragement, and making people feel seen. Which of those comes most naturally to you, and which is hardest for you to practice consistently?

### **Follow-Up Prompts**

- What gets in the way of practicing hospitality or intentional care?
- Have you ever been deeply impacted by a simple act of kindness or inclusion?
- What would it look like to become more intentional in this area?

### ***Leader Insight***

*Hospitality does not only mean hosting meals. Help the group think broadly about creating space for people emotionally, relationally, and spiritually.*

### **Additional Scripture**

- Hebrews 13:1–2
- 1 Peter 4:8–11

**4.** Pride and selfishness can keep us from loving others well. What are some subtle ways those attitudes can show up in your own life or relationships?

### **Follow-Up Prompts**

- When are you most tempted to protect yourself instead of love sacrificially?
- How can insecurity or busyness contribute to selfishness?

- What helps you shift your focus back toward Jesus and others?

### **Additional Scripture**

- Philippians 2:3–8
- Galatians 5:13–14
- James 3:16–18

5. The message reminded us that God often uses people to bring healing, hope, and love into our lives. Where do you most need to experience or receive the love of God right now, and what might it look like to let others walk with you in that?

### **Follow-Up Prompts**

- Is it easier for you to give love or receive it? Why?
- What keeps people from letting others support them?
- *How can this group become a place where people feel seen, cared for, and known?*

### **Leader Insight**

*This is the most vulnerable question of the night. Don't be afraid of silence. Give people time to process. If appropriate, close this portion of the discussion by inviting group members to pray for one another specifically.*

### **Additional Scripture**

- Romans 8:38–39
- Psalm 34:18
- Ecclesiastes 4:9–10

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## **Closing Challenge**

This week, intentionally show sincere love to one person in a practical way. Invite someone to a meal, send encouragement, check in on someone who is struggling, or make space for a meaningful conversation. Ask God to help you not only receive His love more deeply, but also reflect it more intentionally.

