





JESUS IS LOVE DISCUSSION GUIDE

SUMMARY:

There is a saying that "hurt people hurt people." In other words, if someone has been hurt, they have a tendency to turn around and hurt others. On the other side of the coin, this week's sermon Scripture text shows us that, "loved people, love people." 1 John 4:19 says, "We love, because Jesus first loved us."

Key Passage: 1 John 4:7-16,19

Be sure to read this Scripture passage together before you proceed to the "Grow" section of our study.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

KNOW: Spend some time finding out how everyone's week has gone.

The questions in this section provide a guide for connectivity; feel free to approach this part of your group time organically over a meal or "connection" activity or with questions appropriate to your context.

What is something that you are thankful for this week?

What is something that is causing you stress or concern this week?

Who in your life is in need of prayer, physical help, or emotional encouragement right now?

GROW: Grow in the Lord as you engage His Word together.

John begins this passage with a command to love one another. John then goes on to explain that loving is proof that one knows God and is born of God. Why is this true?

The gospel is radical good news that announces that regardless of the love we have or haven't received from others in our lives, the love that we most need is right here for us in Jesus. Talk about what you've learned about love from your relationship with others and your relationship with Jesus.

When we realize how deeply we're loved by God, we can't help but share that kind of love with others. This is, in essence, what 1 John 4:10-11 tells us. Read those verses and talk about what they mean to you.

GO: Talk through ways you can put what you've learned into practice.

How does our culture define love? What does our love look like?

When do you find it hard to love? Talk about why those moments are hard. How can we overcome the challenge to love



