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A Disciple Is . . .



WEEK 2 | A DISCIPLE IS LOVING

PRAYER

Lord, Thank you for loving us first. We pray for an almighty outpouring of your grace in our lives as you journey with us and we in turn journey with others through this life that you have gifted us. Jesus, we pray in your name, amen.

WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

If you could go on a journey anywhere, where would you go?
Who would you take with you?

NOTES

WORD

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

[1 John 4:7-19](#) (ESV)

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1-10 (1 = Can not at all, 10 = Easily, every time), how easily do you love someone? Further- What does love mean to you? How do you feel love?
2. How would you describe God's love?
3. Verse 12-16 above talks about us abiding in God and Him in us. What do you think it means for us to abide in him and us in him?
4. How do you think we can lean on God's love in our relationships?

5. Take a few moments to consider your testimony and share it through this format- Creation (How you were), Fall (How were you at your bottom), Redemption (How you encountered Jesus and how you came to understand the price paid for you), Restoration (How you are now). Try to direct your emphasis on Redemption and Restoration rather than Creation and Fall.

PRAYER LIST