



Connect Group study

John 13 (part 3)

God is love (1 John 4:8). Therefore we can't ever know too much about what love is and how we can show it to others. This study examines some profound things Jesus said about love and encourages us to prioritize it in our everyday lives.

Love is one of the most popular themes of movies, books, art and music. Why do you think this is?

Read John 13:34-35

Reflect

Q1. Henry Drummond wrote a classic Christian book called *The Greatest Thing In The World*. The idea behind the book is that love in the Bible is presented as the most important thing on earth. Can you think of any Bible passages that support this idea? Look them up and discuss what they teach us.

Q2. 1 Corinthians 16:14 tells us to "Let all that you do be done in love."
a. Discuss what you think this means in reality.
b. How might it affect us and those around us if we took this instruction literally?

Q3. Jesus commanded His followers to love one another as He had loved them. Consider some of the ways Jesus showed His love for the disciples. Make a list as a group. What is implied by this list about how we should love one another?

Q4. Read verse 35 again. This is a powerful statement. What does it teach and how does this verse speak to you?

Respond

Q5. If the world will recognize us as followers of Jesus by our love for one another, how do you think we're doing with this mandate?

Q6. In what ways do you think we can be more proactive at showing love to one another in this group?

Take a moment to pray into these issues and especially the last question.

Key verse(s)

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."
(John 13:35 NIV)