

Life Group Discussion Guide

GOD IS LOVE

John 12:1-8

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INTRODUCTION

"But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him." 1 John 2:5.

Love is grounded in accepting and following God's directions. Jesus said the greatest command was to love God with all of our heart, soul, and mind. The second greatest command was to love our neighbors as ourselves.

In many ways love boils down to putting others above self. We are called to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly in dealing with not only God but with those around us.

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Why is it uncomfortable (or at least has the stigma of being uncomfortable) to talk about money or romantic relationships during a sermon?
2. Is there a particular goal for which you sacrificed or saved? What was it and was it worth it?

EVALUATE IT

1. Read 1 John 4:7-8. What did it mean by, "If you know love then you know God. If you know God then you know love. If you don't know love then you don't know God?" What does someone's lack of love for others say about them?
2. When Moses was in the cleft of rock and God passed by, He told Moses that He was, "Slow to anger and rich in love," not once, but twice. Of all the things God could have said or done in that moment, why did He choose this phrase? What are the implications?
3. Stuart said, "That bottle of perfume that held a year's wages in it; that was her back up plan. She gave away the safety net and just let it flow over the feet of Jesus." Why? Why was she willing to do this?
4. Mary and Judas were both in the presence of love, but both responded differently. Judas responds by claiming the perfume could have been sold for 300 denarii (a year's wages) and sells Jesus out for 30 pieces of silver. Mary is willing to give a year's wages in response. Why the different response? Both encountered the same Jesus. Why did they respond so differently?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Have you ever doubted God's love for you? How does 1 John 4:9 encourage us during these times of doubt?
2. Throughout Stuart's sermon he asked, "How's your love life?" Now that you know the context and full meaning of that question, how would you answer it? How's your love life?



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