



Week 3 | I Want to Know What Love Is

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WARM UP

Do you have a funny “family picture” story?

INTRODUCTION

We all have a picture of what marriage should look like, then reality clashes with that picture. But it is possible to have a love that lasts a lifetime; we simply have to understand the biblical definition of love. Today, let's talk about what love is and how we demonstrate biblical love to others.

DISCUSSION

These questions are a guide. Please select the ones that will work best for your group. You do not have to discuss them all.

Part of the problem with understanding love is that the word is used so many different ways.

1. What are some of the ways we use the word “love”?
2. What are some of the wrong ideas about love in our culture?

To understand the true definition of love, we must turn to the Bible.

3. Read Romans 5:8 and 1 John 3:16. According to these verses, how does God demonstrate His love for us?
4. What are some practical ways husbands and wives can lay down their lives for each other?

5. The message included a powerful image of a couple who slowly grew apart over decades vs a couple who kept God at the center of their marriage. How does placing God at the center of marriage help keep couples connected?
6. How does the idea of a marriage covenant differ from a contract?

There are four ways to show love: (1) love gives, (2) love deals with offense, (3) love speaks, and (4) love serves.

7. Which of these ways is the most challenging for you. Explain?
8. To demonstrate love to others, we must do so in a way that *they* receive it. Take a moment to think about your immediate family. How does each person receive love?

APPLICATION

Think of the person you are closest to. How can you anticipate meeting this person's needs this week? What can you do?

PRAYER

- Thank God for the love He demonstrates for us.
- Pray for everyone in your group to demonstrate God's love to others in the ways they receive it.
- Take prayer requests and pray for any needs in the group.