

WEEK 4: LOVE ONE ANOTHER

DISCOVER (PRE-WORK)

Before and during this activity, ask the Spirit of God to illuminate your heart and mind and bring conviction and clarity of His truth for your life. Take some time during your own personal study to read through the selected scriptures and walk through these four key questions:

1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God's character)?
2. What has God done (how do I see God's character in action here)?
3. Who am I (how does God's character and action shape how I see myself)?
4. What do I do (if I believe 1-3 above, how would I respond and relate to others)?

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-21; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a; John 13:34-35

QUESTION: What did you DISCOVER during your study?

NURTURE

During your DNA group time, share what you discovered during your personal study detailed above.

Confess out loud to one another areas of personal struggle or unbelief that the Spirit revealed during your personal study.

In light of God's love for you expressed through Jesus and in light of being the beloved of God called to love others, consider these questions:

1. What does the nature of how you relate to others reveal about how you believe God has related to you (you treat others like you believe God has treated you)?

2. What does this reveal about what you believe God is like and God has done to you?
3. Keeping in mind that 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a describes what love looks like, where is your love for others broken or lacking?
4. How might the truth about what God has *actually* done for you through Jesus change how you relate to others in loving ways in your life?
5. If you know these truths intellectually, but struggle to embrace and believe them relationally, what do you believe might be preventing you from belief at this moment? For instance: "I know God has forgiven me, but I just can't forgive _____ because _____?"

During this time, let each person share how or where they need to repent and believe the truth of God revealed to them in Jesus. You may need to guide each other to what is true of God and ourselves in light of what Jesus has done. It is also likely that you will need to stop and invite the Spirit of God to transform minds and hearts through the illumination of truths about Jesus.

QUESTION: How will you REPENT and BELIEVE the gospel?

ACT

In light of your time together, what steps will you take to act on your new discoveries and affirmed beliefs?

Consider these questions:

1. What aspects of love are lacking in you life right now?
2. What relationships need to change, and how?
3. What words do you need to speak to someone?
4. What actions do you want to take to express the love of God to someone else this week?

QUESTION: What will you DO and who will you TELL about what God has done?