

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Revolutionary Love

Week 3: The Source of Love

John 15:5-17

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In this series we are learning from Jesus about loving others. Our efforts to love others unconditionally will be an exercise in futility if we do not first connect with the ultimate source of love. This week we learned how to experience Christ's love for us.

Kicking it off: What was your favorite Halloween costume when you were a kid?

Discussion:

1. Reread John 15:5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

Why did Jesus use this agricultural image to teach a spiritual lesson? And what does it mean?

2. Reread John 15:9

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love."

Why does Jesus want us to know about the Father's love for him?

3. In verse nine, Jesus declares to his followers: "so have I loved you." Why do many struggle to believe that Jesus really loves them?
4. In verse nine, Jesus challenges us to "remain in his love." What does this mean?
5. Can you think of a time that you felt loved by God? If so, tell the group about it.
6. How would you guide someone who is desiring to experience Christ's love more?

Wrapping It Up: In Ephesians 3, we find a beautiful prayer for more experience of Christ's love. Read these verses and then pray for the same.

⁷ I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:17-19