

T H E R E F O R E

ROMANS 12-16

CONVERSATION STARTER

Discuss opportunities you have had to show love to a person(s). How did you show love?

Who has shown love to you and how did they do it?

Would you describe these loving acts as loving like Jesus would love?

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Read Romans 13:8-10 and Matthew 22:36-40

1. Pastor Josh said the word love is specifically defined in God's Word. How does the Bible define love specifically? See 1 Corinthians 13, John 13:34-35, 1 John 3:16, John 3:16.
2. How are Christian love and the law (commandments) connected? Is it easy to obey the two greatest commandments? Is it costly? What are the results when we obey them?
3. How did Pastor Josh say as Christ-followers, we have gotten into debt in owing love to others? Discuss this first and then refer to 1 John 4:11 and 1 John 3:16.
4. In Romans 1:14-15, Paul expressed his debt to Greeks, barbarians, wise, foolish, and Romans as preaching the gospel. How does sharing the gospel show love?
5. What are Christian attitudes or dispositions that fit the Biblical definition of love?
6. What are actions or words that show Christian love for neighbors? What are the potential impacts of loving Biblically?
7. What attitudes or dispositions should Christians avoid that may prevent loving others as ourselves? What are some consequences of failing to love others?

8. How have you handled relationships or circumstances involving people who have been unloving or unkind toward you?
9. Is there someone in your life who you could “outdo” in love even though they may not try to “outdo” you? How would it impact your life if you loved someone, regardless of their appreciation, as Jesus loves them? Would it be worth the cost to you?
10. How might God want you to love others over the next two weeks regarding family, spouse, co-worker, church family, children, youth, or neighbors?

Prayer activity: Pray for God’s help through the Holy Spirit in loving others as Jesus loves them. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel, the good news, with those who have yet to trust Jesus as Lord of their lives.

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Pray: Ask God to help you love your neighbor as yourself consistently / daily.

Read: 1 Corinthians 13 and 14:1

Write: Write down any questions you might have from the sermon and submit them to the website to be answered in a future podcast.

Sing: Listen to the worship songs from Sunday throughout the week. Look up the lyrics to each song and spend some time reading them as well.

Memorize: Romans 13:9 and Matthew 22:36-40

Sermon Discussion Guide

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