



WELCOME TO LIFE GROUP!

THIS FALL, WE ARE FOCUSING ON OUR VALUES OF EXPERIENCING GOD AND LOVING OTHERS THROUGH OUR SERMON SERIES, OVERFLOW. OVER THE NEXT 10 WEEKS, WE WILL GROW IN OUR LOVE FOR OTHERS AS WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE FOR US.

THIS WEEK, WE WERE CHALLENGED BY MOSES' WORDS IN DEUTERONOMY 6 - LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH - AND ENCOURAGED TO GROW IN LOVING GOD BY REMEMBERING GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

OUR DISCIPLESHIP TO JESUS IS MEANT TO BE A HOLISTIC WAY OF LIVING, INVOLVING OUR WHOLE SELVES - **HEAD, HEART, AND HANDS**. WHILE EACH PERSON WILL LIKELY GRAVITATE TO ONE OF THESE OVER THE OTHERS, IT'S IMPORTANT WE ALL CONSIDER HOW GOD'S LOVE AFFECTS OUR MINDS, OUR HEARTS, AND OUR ACTIONS.



WHAT IDEA FROM THE SERMON STUCK OUT TO YOU MOST THIS WEEK?



WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE THAT WERE EITHER RAISED OR LEFT UNANSWERED BY THE SERMON?



Which comes most naturally to you - loving God with all your heart (emotions, will, desires), all your soul (how you live), or all your strength (muchness, ability)? Which is most difficult?

What stories in Scripture or events in your life do you think on to help you remember God's love?



What things tend to make it difficult for you to remember God's love - Suffering? Comfort/complacency? Distractions? Idolatry? Something else?

What things are you tempted to love as ends in themselves? Can you use those things to love God instead? If so, how? If not, what steps do you need to take?

GROUP APPLICATION - Moses knew we would need physical reminders of God's love. That's why he says to put God's Word all around us and talk about it constantly.

Take 10 minutes to find 3-5 Scriptures that powerfully remind you of God's love and make a note of them. Feel free to discuss these as a group. Then think of 3-5 places that you cannot avoid in a day (i.e. bathroom mirror, dinner table, car dashboard, phone screen, kids' bedroom doors, etc).

When you get home, find a way to put those Scriptures in those places. Over the next week, pause when you pass by those Scriptures to remember and delight in God's love for you!



CLOSING PRAYER

CLOSE YOUR DISCUSSION WITH A TIME OF EXTENDED PRAYER.

USING THE SCRIPTURES IDENTIFIED IN THE APPLICATION EXERCISE, PRAY TO GOD, THANKING HIM FOR HIS LOVE FOR YOU, ASKING HIM TO HELP YOU EXPERIENCE HIS LOVE, AND EXPRESSING YOUR LOVE FOR HIM IN RETURN.

IF SOMEONE IN PARTICULAR HAS EXPRESSED A STRUGGLE WITH FEELING GOD'S LOVE PERSONALLY, CONSIDER LAYING HANDS ON THAT PERSON AND SIMPLY READING GOD'S WORD OVER THEM.

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-12

4 “Listen, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. 6 These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. 7 Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol on your forehead. 9 Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your city gates.

10 “When the Lord your God brings you into the land he swore to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that he would give you — a land with large and beautiful cities that you did not build, 11 houses full of every good thing that you did not fill them with, cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant — and when you eat and are satisfied, 12 be careful not to forget the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the place of slavery.

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