

One Anothering *Small Group Discussion*

Week Four: Love

“The one-anothers, then, are earthly dramas of heavenly realities; they are the love of Christ played out on ten thousand stages.”

Scott Hubbard

How do we care for one another well? The point of small groups is not to be “nice people” that hang out each week during our time together, but rather to be a group of people who love each other and reflect the realities of Christ’s better Kingdom of God.

Each week of this study, we will look at ways Christ modeled this for us and, by his grace, we can extend this to others within and outside the church.

Week 1: Humility

Week 2: Welcome

Week 3: Words

Week 4: Love

Week 5: Grace

LOOK *What do we see around us and in our lives?*

How did someone positively impact you by extending love toward you this week?

Any unloving moments?

How did those moments make you feel?

Use post-it notes to brainstorm ways you DO SEE love extended well in your life & small group and ways you COULD SEE or WOULD LIKE TO SEE this happen.

Take a few minutes at the end of your time to revisit these post-it notes and then prayerfully consider what action items would be beneficial for your small group in the upcoming weeks/months.

This is really hard. Sometimes it almost seems impossible. The good news is that Christ has done this perfectly for us.

What does it look like to “one another” with love like Christ? How did he model this for us?

What are some examples within our church?

What can we learn from outside our church?

It’s one thing to encourage someone carrying a heavy burden; it’s another to bend your shoulder to the load. This kind of love interrupts the day’s plans with untimely requests and lays hands on evenings and weekends. - Scott Hubbard

BOOK *What does Scripture say about this? Have smaller groups of 2-3 people look at the context, significance, etc. of these passages and report back to the larger group.*

What are these passages regarding love saying?

Why is this important?

1 Peter 4:10

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another.

1 John 4:19

We love because he first loved us.

Galatians 6:2

Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

How do we see love play out in everyday life?

What do we see when love isn’t happening?

How do we, as a group, reflect the reality of this Kingdom? What could this look like for our group? What could we experience if we did this well? (think at home, work, church, with neighbors, etc.)

TOOK *What will you take away from today’s discussion?*

Possible questions to consider:

When do you easily show love to others?

When is it most difficult for you?

How easily do you receive love from others?

How can we come alongside you to remind you and help you believe that you are loved?

Some quotations and content adapted from: *The Art of One-Anothering:*

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