

Love – Week number 4 – Our Response To God’s Love Part Two

Connect and review	
<p>Welcome any newcomers and ensure everyone knows everyone else’s name. Encourage everyone to share something they learnt from last week.</p>	<p>Brief recap on last week. Sharing about personal reflections on last week’s suggested activities, namely, ‘How can you demonstrate greater love for God either through obedience and/or holiness’?</p>
Inspire and engage	
<p>There is no set way to present material, just go the way that suits you. Try to use most of the Bible verses.</p>	<p>In this second week on how to respond to God’s love we will look at ‘loving one another’. See Leviticus 19:18; Mark 12:31; John 13:34+35. Key concepts: (i) loving yourself – too many Christians have a very low self-worth, i.e., do not love themselves. (ii) Love others as well as yourself; (iii) Love the unlovable – only possible when Christ loves through you. (iv) Love your enemies – again only possible in Christ. (v) Love is an act of the will – a conscious decision, shown by words and deeds. The best know Biblical example is the Good Samaritan – Luke 10:30-37. See also John 15:12; Romans 12:10 [<i>prefer one another</i>]; Romans 13:8; 1 John 4:11; Luke 6:31.</p>
Explore and apply	
<p>Attempt one exercise at a time and only use them all if time allows. Try to encourage Q & A and discussion but avoid personal/private answers.</p>	<p>Explore</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How can we love ourselves in the way that Christ desires? 2. How can we love the unlovable? 3. How can we love our enemies? <p>Apply</p> <p>How do we show/demonstrate our love for others?</p>
Reflect and review	
<p>This helps to show what has been learned and what may need to be reinforced.</p>	<p><i>Personal reflection:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In what practical ways do you show love for others? 2. Think of some examples of how loving others has cost you – time, or money, or ... 3. What do you find hardest about loving others – what can you do to make it easier? <p><i>Suggested activity:</i></p> <p>Find a way tomorrow to show love for someone in a different way from your usually activity.</p>