



## 1. What is true love?

- A. 3 main words used in the Greek for love
  1. *Agape* - love of/for God
  2. *Eros* - love for your \_\_\_\_\_  
It is where we get the word erotic.
  3. *Philos* - love for family/friends/brownies
- B. Agape Love
  1. ...gives it's all **without expecting anything in** \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. ...is not an *optional quality*.
  3. ...is something we do not something we \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. ...puts the \_\_\_\_\_ and *interests* of others first.

### FIVE PROBING QUESTIONS

1. Am I \_\_\_\_\_? Love is patient, kind
2. Do I have to \_\_\_\_\_? Love does not envy, does not boast, is not proud
3. Am I self-centered? Love is not rude or self-seeking
4. Do I have a \_\_\_\_\_? Love is not easily angered, no record of wrongs
5. Am I Cynical? Loves does not delight in evil, it rejoices in truth, protects

## 2. What does the Bible say about Love?

1. Love is a mark of a follower of Christ. **John 13:35**
2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ reveal who we love. **John 14:15,21**
3. Love doesn't ignore the \_\_\_\_\_ ...rather it speaks it. **Ephesians 4:15**
4. Husbands, love yourself and your wife. **Ephesians 5:28**
5. Jesus' sacrifice is the greatest demonstration of love. **Romans 5:8**
6. Love God and trust God will work it all out. **Romans 5:28**
7. Love what God \_\_\_\_\_. **Romans 12:9**
8. The greatest command. **Romans 13:9**
9. ALL covers it all. **1 Corinthians 16:14**
10. Agape love has \_\_\_\_\_. **Philippians 1:9-10, 2 Thessalonians 3:10, Hebrews 12:5-8**

## 3. What happens when love is missing?

- A. Ephesus - the Church that \_\_\_\_\_ its Love. **Revelation 2:36**
- B. There are three steps to recover love: Remember, \_\_\_\_\_, and return.

**"Right actions lead to the right \_\_\_\_\_."**

# Connection Group Questions

Further Study on the Sermon from July 17, 2022

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1. The Apostle John has a lot to say about love in action. Read the following verses taken from two of the books he wrote and note what insights about love you find. Read **1 John 3:14-18**.

**John 13:34-35** *A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. [NIV]*

**1 John 4:20-21** *If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother. [NIV]*

2. Pastor Lucas gave us five probing questions about love in the sermon this weekend. Take a minute to think about how you would evaluate yourself on each question using the scale below.

	Almost				Often
	Never				
Am I harsh	1	2	3	4	5
Do I have to win?	1	2	3	4	5
Am I self-centered?	1	2	3	4	5
Do I have a short fuse?	1	2	3	4	5
Am I cynical?	1	2	3	4	5

These questions are best answered by someone who is close to us. So, in the next couple of days, ask someone close to you to answer these questions using the same evaluation scale. Compare how their answers match with your answers. What did you learn about yourself from this exercise?

3. Read **1 Corinthians 13:4-8** again, this time replacing the word "love" with your own name. Now take a minute to consider how true this is of your relationship with your spouse, family, or good friends.

Is it loving to tell someone the truth even if you upset them?

4. In **1 John 4:7-12**, our loving others is brought together with God's love for us. What relationship do you see between the command for us to love others and God's love for us in this passage?