



Small Group Discussion Notes
Multiply – Week 5
Multiplying Love
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Warm Up

Who is someone in your life that loves others well?

Digging Deeper

READ 1 John 4:7-21

Use the following inductive Bible study steps to explore this passage.

1. Observe – What do you notice in the text...What is the context? What is happening? Who are the characters? What ideas or words are being repeated? Spend time asking these types of questions
2. Interpret – What is being said in the text...What is being communicated? Why is this passage important? What is the meaning of this passage? Take time to ask questions that go beyond observation and dig deeper into the text.
3. Apply – What do I do with this information...How does this impact my life? How does this impact my understanding of who God is? What can I take from this text and apply to my daily circumstances? Ask questions that get personal and help you to apply what you have learned.

Take a few minutes and write your own definitions of love and then share them with your group.

In our second week of this series we talked about how “receiving precedes doing.” How does this idea apply to the conversation of love?

How does understanding that God is love help us to better understand who we are?

Why is love a foundational characteristic of a follower of Jesus?

What does John mean when he says that “there is no fear in love” (v. 18)?

Flip through the rest of 1 John and see what other passages speak to the importance of love. How do these other passages help our understanding of love?

READ 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Bring Paul’s insights (1 Cor. 13:1-13) about love into conversation with John’s encouragement in this week’s passage (1 John 4:7-21). How do these two passages help us in our understanding and practice of love?

Next Steps

In what area of your life or relationship are you struggling to love?

How could being extra intentional about loving well help you to multiply kingdom impact in your sphere of influence?

If you have children, grandchildren or other young people in your life, how could you encourage them to love well? What would you say to them about the importance of love?

Final Thoughts

Take a moment to think about one person in your life that you will commit to being intentionally loving toward this coming week (think outside of your normal family and close friends).