



## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### WEEK 3

#### Love

#### ICEBREAKER:

What makes you laugh the most?

#### BIG IDEA:

Today's big idea: Knowing how to love people is often simpler than we make it out to be, but is challenging because it requires self-sacrifice!

#### DAILY BIBLE READING (Optional):

If you'd like our daily bible reading, sign up through our connect card at [findcommunity.com/nextsteps](http://findcommunity.com/nextsteps).

> John 3:16-18; Ephesians 4:1-2; 1 Corinthians 13:1-7; Matthew 5:43-48; 1 John 4:18-19

> Was there a particular passage that stood out to you?

**SCRIPTURE:** John 3:16; 1 John 4:8; John 13:35; Philippians 2:4

#### DISCUSSION:

1. What stood out to you from Becca's message? Was there a particular principle, idea, or moment that challenged or encouraged you?
2. Do you remember the first time you "fell in love"? What was that like? How did you know?
3. Have someone in the group read John 3:16. What does this verse say about the sin in our lives that someone had to die? What does this verse reveal about God's love for us that he was willing to sacrifice his son Jesus to die on our behalf?
4. If love is a verb more than a noun, share the most extraordinary act of love you have ever witnessed or received.

#### LIFE APPLICATION:

1. When did you realize that God was not chasing you so that you can be condemned; but, that God was chasing you because he loves you and wants to save you?
2. How would you explain God's love to someone who may not know Jesus?
3. How are you being called to love better this week?

#### Take Time:

Sometimes we put God in a box. We limit his great capacity in our lives. Other times we place ourselves in the box. Maybe because we want to protect ourselves from getting hurt again, or we are afraid of getting out of our comfort zone. Whatever the reason, now is the moment to have the box bust wide open! What would it look like to step into a love so audacious that it defies all reason? What would it look like for your group to plan a community project that could practically share the love of Jesus? Just like our series suggests, this is a chance to think outside the box!



Daily  
Devotion



Prayer



Freedom from  
Strongholds



Serve the  
Community



Sacrificial  
Generosity



Share Your  
Story



Celebration