



INTRODUCTION

Many people think love is that feeling that sweeps you away. It's the happy good feeling you feel when you watch those romantic movies. It's something that many people dream about—to hold and be with the love of your life forever. But love is more than these. Love is meant to be nurtured until it grows and overflows. Love is not just lip service or just like make-up that can be put on and removed. It's more than a spark or a zing. Love is an experience, a living experience that we receive, abide in and share with.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

AWAKEN

1. What comes first in your mind when you hear the word love? What are the pictures associated with that word? What feelings are associated?
2. Give your own one-sentence description of what love is.
3. When was the very first time you ever “fell in love”? Share with the group your experience. Describe the feelings that you felt during that time.
4. Name the first two persons you picture in your mind when you hear the word love. (Be honest.)

ALIGN

5. Read 1 John 4:16. Have you ever had experiences where you felt God's love for you? Share some of them with the group. How did you experience His love? How did He express His love to you?
6. Have you ever experienced showing the God kind of love to others? Share one specific experience.
7. Read Romans 12:9-10. How do you show that your love is sincere?

APPLY

8. How do you honor somebody above yourself? Give a specific example.
9. What are the things you need to do so you could experience more of God's love in your life?

MOVING FORWARD

God is LOVE. So if we truly want to learn how to love then we need to **L**ive a life abiding in God, **O**vercome self-focus, **V**alue purity, and **E**xperience sharing the love.

RENEWING YOUR MIND

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 1 John 4:16 NIV