



Week Two | What Love Requires | 01.16-17.2021

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Message Recap: How should the world view the church? Unfortunately, we've created a brand for the church that Jesus never intended. But we have the opportunity to give everyone a Brand: New perspective.

» Opening

(2-3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations
 - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

» Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What is something you love to love?
- Digging Deeper: Do you show love to others through affirming words, acts of service, gifts, quality time, or physical proximity?

» Observation | Read Hebrews 9:1-28; Galatians 5:1-6; Matthew 5:43-48

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | Jesus invites love, not legalism.

(12 minutes)

- In what context have you experienced the most rules? How do you typically respond to rules?

» Lifting Legalism | Reference Hebrews 9:1-5

(12 minutes)

- Why is it so easy to put rules ahead of relationships?
- How have 'judgmental Christians' hurt you or people you love?

» Lasting Love | Reference Hebrews 9:11-15

(12 minutes)

- How did Jesus treat people who didn't believe in Him? How should we? If this is so simple, why does it feel so demanding?

» The Faith Factor | Reference Galatians 5:1-6; Matthew 5:43-48

(12 minutes)

- We respond to the law of love, not to get to God, but because God got to us. What does it look like to love every day because of what Jesus did for you? In a world full of hate, how can we extend the love of God to others because He loves them?

» Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- Look back at Matthew 5:43-48. Who is someone you need to start being *for*, without demanding anything in return, and what's holding you back? What is one thing you can do to better love that person this week?
- Close by praying for each other to intentionally love someone they don't normally think about this week.