



Small Group Discussion Questions

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How to Make Better Decisions: The Relationship Question

Ice Breaker: What are three spring projects (of any kind) that you're either excited about, or dreading...and why?

Question This Week: What does love require of me?

Key Passage(s) of the Week (Read Aloud): John 13:34-35; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Questions for Discussion:

- 1) Phileo love is "brotherly" (friendship) love. Eros love is "romantic" love. Agape love is "self-sacrificial" love. Storge love is "affectionate" (family) love. What type of love does Jesus seem to be referring to in John 13:34-35? Why is it important to distinguish between the different types of love? What type of love is often emphasized in our culture?
- 2) What other passages clarify what God expects for the target of our love? Is it enough to *just* love each other? What does loving someone naturally lead you to do? (See Matt 22:36-40, John 14:21-23)
- 3) Instead of love for others, what other things might we substitute as measures of our Love for God? What problems does this lead to?
- 4) Who have you made the most sacrifices for? Why have you sacrificed for them? Did you always "feel" like making sacrifices for them?
- 5) What section of 1 Corinthians 13 stands out most to you? What changes do you need to ask God to help make in light of this?

Verse to Meditate on this Week: By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.
– John 13:35

Prayer Focus (also in the Bulletin): Lord, we will trust You for generous wisdom, straight paths and peaceful hearts, all for Your glory. How we praise You for being the decision-making-God. It's not our decisions, but Yours that make all the difference. We will plan, but we trust You to order our steps. May Your will be done, always. In Your wisdom, Amen.