

## DIVING DEEPER

- Is there someone in your life who's hard to love? Ask God to help you love them like he loves you.
- What would loving others the way God loves you look like today?
- Which part of loving others do you need help with right now—being patient, believing the best, staying hopeful, or not giving up?

## NOTES

# Bible Baptist Church BIBLE STUDY

## LOVE IS...ALL ABOUT SACRIFICE

EPHESIANS 5:22



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# GOD SPEAKS

## I. WHAT IS LOVE?

### POPULAR MISCONCEPTIONS

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

### WHAT GOD SAYS:

1. LOVE IS A MATTER OF \_\_\_\_\_.  
"And over all virtues, put on love which binds them all together..."  
Colossians 3:14
2. LOVE IS A MATTER OF \_\_\_\_\_.  
"Let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and truth. 1  
John 3:18

"Agape" \_\_\_\_\_

## II. HOW TO LOVE SOMEONE YOU DON'T LIKE

1. \_\_\_\_\_ GOD'S LOVE YOURSELF.  
"I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your heart, living within you as you trust Him. May your roots go deep into the soil of God's marvelous love, and may you be able to feel and understand...how long, wide, deep, and high His love really is, and experience this love for yourselves..." Ephesians 3:17-18 Romans 8:38-39, 1 John 4:19
2. \_\_\_\_\_ THOSE WHO'VE HURT YOU.  
"Forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13
3. \_\_\_\_\_ LOVING THOUGHTS  
"Don't just think about your own affairs, but be interested in others too, and in what they are doing. Your attitude should be the kind that was shown us by Jesus Christ." Philippians 2:4-5

## 4. \_\_\_\_\_ ACTING IN A LOVING WAY.

Jesus said: "LOVE your enemies, DO GOOD to those who hate you, BLESS those who curse you, PRAY FOR those who mistreat you." Luke 6:27-28, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

IT'S EASIER TO \_\_\_\_\_ MY WAY INTO A FEELING  
THAN TO \_\_\_\_\_ MY WAY INTO AN ACTION!

## 5. \_\_\_\_\_ THE BEST FROM THEM

"If you love someone ... you will always believe in him, and always expect the best of him..." 1 Corinthians 13:7

## HOW TO REKINDLE A LOST LOVE

"You have lost your first love...Revelation 2:4-5

- "Remember how far you've fallen..."
- "Repent...(change the way you think)
- "...and do the things you did at first."

# GOD INVITES

Heavenly Father, You have really exposed our hearts this morning. We've looked at the fruit of love. We know that what we talked about today is not easy but it's the right thing to do. We know that the benefits from it far outweigh the effort that we put into it. Lord, that it is possible to rebuild a lost love. It is possible to feel those feelings again when we act and think in a way that is pleasing to You. Lord, there are some people here this morning who have never experienced Your love. I pray that right now they would open their hearts to Jesus Christ and say, "I commit my life to You, Jesus Christ. Totally." Just pray that in your heart. "I commit my life to You and I commit my marriage to You. I commit my work to You. Every area of my life." Father, thank You for Your word. Speak to us in each of our areas of need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.