

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

What is Biblical Love? Love can only be defined by the nature of God. God does not merely love; He is love (1 John 4:8). Everything God does flows from His love. And because of that love poured into our lives through Jesus, we too are compelled to love. Love sacrificially initiates to meet the real needs of others, even the undeserving.

1. **Mixer:** Share a time when you were given a boundary and you broke it. What did you learn?

2. Share a takeaway from the sermon.

3. Watch “A Savior is Born: Love” by Pete Briscoe on RightNow Media. Take notes as you watch the 17 minute teaching. Pick two or three questions below to discuss.

a. Share any new insights you gained from the teaching.

b. Read Isaiah 40:9-11. How is Jesus the Sovereign Shepherd?

c. Read Isaiah 40:25-31. How does the Lord give us strength to endure when we are worn physically, spiritually, and emotionally?

d. How is Jesus protecting you now?

e. How is Jesus expressing His love to you?

f. Where is Jesus leading you today?

4. How can you encourage someone this week? Pray for eyes to see the discouraged and the downtrodden and for wisdom and courage to take the next step in loving them in practical, meaningful ways.

- I. God **showed** His **love** to us by **Christ-mas**.
Lk 2:11; Is 9:6; 7:14;
Matt 1:18, 21; Jn 1:14;
I Jn 1:1-4; 2:3-6; 4:7-9;
II Tim 2:19
- A. God **sent** His **Son** to bring us **life**.
Eph 2:1; Col 2:13;
Jn 10:10; 20:30-31
- B. That’s how He **manifested** His **love** toward us. Ps 19:1; Rom 1:20; Matt 5:45b;
Js 1:17; I Jn 4:10
- II. God **defined** His **love** for us at **Calvary**. I Jn 2:2
- A. God sent His Son to **pay** for our **sins**. Col 2:13-14; II Cor 5:21
- B. We, the objects of God’s **love**, did not **deserve** it. Rom 5:8; I Jn 4:11-12
- III. God’s **love** is made **complete** as His **children love** each other.
- A. Since God so **loved** us, we “**ought**” to **love** one another. Matt 18:21-35;
Jn 4:24; 1:18; 14:9b
- B. If we **love** one another, God **lives** in us. Rom 8:9
- C. Then His **love** is brought to **completion**.