

GROUP GUIDE

The Reason for Love – Week 7 “Relentless Love”

GOAL

This week’s discussion will help us understand that the reason for love being in our DNA as believers is because love itself is the very nature of God and how God acted on that love.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- How was everyone’s week? Any Praise Reports/Testimonies of what God is doing?

REVIEW

Ask group members to share their favorite points from the sermon,/what spoke to them/questions.

START by sharing YOUR favorite points/what spoke to you

SCRIPTURE AND MAIN POINTS

Read **Matthew 5:46-48** and talk about what it means when it says to be “perfect in our love”.

- Does anyone here struggle with loving without a need for response?
- Does anyone struggle with only loving as a response?

Point #1 was “LOVE IS GOD’S NATURE”

- Read **1 John 4:7** and discuss the ideas that love comes from God and then read **Matthew 10:29-31** and talk about how incredible the nature of His love is.
- John is addressing “believers” when he says “anyone who loves” – Read **1 John 4:8** and discuss the difference of loving vs not loving, what does that imply about how we love?

Point #2 was “GOD ACTED ON HIS NATURE”

- God’s nature is “sacrificial, pleasant, caring, pure, unbiased, and committed”
 - Talk about ways HE loves us like that
 - Talk about ways WE can love like that
- Read **1 John 4:9-10, Ephesians 1:5** and **2 Corinthians 6:18** – talk about how God acted on His nature by giving His “one and only” to adopt many. What is the implication of the gravity of how great His love is as it relates to how we should now be as His kids.

Point #3 was “HIS NATURE BECOMES OUR NATURE”

- Read **1 John 4:11** - talk about what it means for “Perfect Love” to become our nature.
- Read **Ephesians 1:3-11** and talk about how because we are adopted through perfect love – we tap in to an inheritance.
 - o Do we love because of unity with Christ or because of the blessings?
 - our response should be to unity and restoration, not blessing
 - o How do we tap in to this inheritance?
 - Talk about when we love and do the law of God, we open up blessings to fall.
 - o What does perfect love, adoption, and inheritance have to do with authority? V.10-11

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ask for prayer requests and write them down – *as the group leader, pray for these requests during your week and make sure they are posted to the GROUP page on FB with who came to group.*

END IN PRAYER