

Week 2 - Finding Love

Culture tells us that romantic love is essential but that God's love is optional. Don't fall for it. For those of us who love and follow Jesus, we know the opposite is true. There's only ONE essential love and ONE place to find it – in God.

Scriptures:

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. 1 John 4:7

I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

Ice Breaker and Intro Question:

 Quick would-you-rather questions: Candy or flowers? Eat out or stay in? Italian restaurant or steakhouse? Homemade card or store-bought?
 What resonated with you from Sunday's service? (Sermon, scripture, song, etc.)

Discussion Questions

1.Read 1 John 4:7 together as a group. How does this transform the way we search for love? Beyond that, how does this transform our human relationships?
2.Eddie shared that God's love is essential. Romantic love is optional. What is your reaction to this statement? How might this truth transform your relationships?
3.Read Romans 8:38-39 quietly by yourself. Take a moment to meditate on this passage. Share what makes God's love different than any other love.

4.Eddie challenges us with this: "instead of scrolling through other peoples' lives, live your own." Why is this so challenging?

5.How do you sense God speaking to you through his word & through your discussion? Take a moment to reflect on your own, share briefly as a group, and then close in prayer together.

Additional Resources:

- We put together some resources for this series at <u>www.wschurch.org/resources</u>. You'll find links to videos, books, Bible reading plans, and more.
- Read John 4, the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. How does Jesus surprise her? How does he surprise you?

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