

## **What is Love? Amplified**

### **1 Corinthians 13:13**

Ice Breaker: What expression of love means the most to you? Hugs, gifts, words...

BACKGROUND: In 1 Corinthians 12-14, Paul was addressing the appropriate use of spiritual gifts.

THE BIG PICTURE: The prerequisite for all spiritual gifts is love. Since the Holy Spirit lives in us, we can live a life amplified by His love.

DIGGING DEEPER:

#### **INTRODUCTION**

- Pop culture, music, culture, theatre, poetry, dance, philosophy, even dictionaries have tried to define love. How have they failed? \*They try to describe love through our humanity, as if the answer lies in feeling it, falls short of why we feel/need love

#### **1 CORINTHIANS 13:13**

- Why is the greatest love?
- Why is it necessary to have the Holy Spirit amplify our lives for the glory of God?

#### **1 JOHN 4:8**

- God is love. What does this actually imply? How is His love seen throughout Scripture?

#### **ROMANS 11:22 Note then the kindness and the severity of God**

- How have you experienced the kindness of God? \*Grace, love, forgiveness, healing...
- Why is it harder to contemplate the severity of God? Why is it a disgrace \*not\* to note the severity of God? Why do people have a hard time considering that a loving God created hell? How do people abuse the concept of hell?
- What is the chief difference between God's kindness and severity? Hint: Which one is the only one we deserve?
- What is the correct response to the severity of God?
- How is the intersection of God's kindness and His severity the perfect description of His love? Consider the complete Easter story. How does the cross reflect His perfect love?

#### **1 JOHN 4:9-15**

- God is love. He loves us. What are we to do God's love? How do we live a life amplified by love? \*See Romans 12:10, Galatians 5:13, Ephesians 4:15-16, 2 Corinthians 5:17-20
- How does His Spirit help us accomplish His mission? What is the purpose of the Church? Why should we love each other?

#### **HOPE AMPLIFIED**

- How does our hope-filled God give us hope?

#### **FAITH AMPLIFIED**

- Is there someone in your life who exemplifies Faith Amplified?

#### **CONCLUSION: JOHN 3:21**

- What is the result of living amplified by the Spirit?
- What spoke the most to you from the message this week? How will this make a difference in your life?