

**Who Am I? Discovering My Worth**

*Loving Who God Says I Should Love*

Part 5

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**WHAT IS LOVE?**

*1 Corinthians 13:4-7 "Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. (NLT)*

**WHY SHOULD I LOVE?**

• **We Are Loved** \_\_\_\_\_

*1 John 4:11 "Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." (NIV)*

• **It Puts God** \_\_\_\_\_

*1 John 4:12 "But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us." (NLT)*

**WHO I SHOULD LOVE?**

**1. Love Your** \_\_\_\_\_

*Ephesians 5:28 "In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself." (NLT)*

*Titus 2:4 "These older women must train the younger women to love their husbands and their children." (NLT)*

*1 Timothy 5:8 "But those who won't care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, have denied the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers." (NLT)*

**2. Love Your** \_\_\_\_\_

*John 15:13 "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." (NLT)*

**3. Love Your** \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 5:43-44 "You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!' (NLT)*

#### 4. Love The \_\_\_\_\_

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*Matthew 25:40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" (NLT)*

One person I need to show love to this week \_\_\_\_\_

*Colossians 3:12-15 "Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful."*  
(NLT)

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#### **Life Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Share about your Bible reading experience this week. What is God revealing to you?
  2. When you consider God's great love for you what does it cause you to think and feel? How does understanding how God loves us affect the way we love others?
  3. Discuss the statement, "*Preach the gospel at all times and if necessary, use words.*" How does it relate to how we love others?
  4. Review the four people we are asked to love. Who is the easiest to love? Who is the most difficult to love? Why?
  5. Read Matthew 5:43-47. Why is love more powerful than revenge? We are told to pray for our enemies. Discuss why you think this is so important.
  6. Share any personal stories of how being both on the giving and receiving end of love has changed your life.
  7. Who do you plan to show love to this week? Pray for one another that you would be obedient to love in the way we are called to.
- Discuss your plans for your service project. February 24 was the goal for accomplishing it. Has it been fulfilled? If not, what still needs to be done? How will it be a practical expression of love to others?