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life on another level

Student Workbook

YEAR 3

The Way of Jesus

Love

Bible Readings

Matthew 5

Romans 12

1 Corinthians 13

1 John 3



Learning Outcomes

At the end of this week you will be able to:

- Locate some instances in the Bible where love is spoken of.
- Identify examples of Biblical love.
- Explore how love can be expressed in your life.

Notes from Bible Reading

Scripture A word or phrase that stood out to me:

Observation What is happening in this Bible reading?

Application Something that I learned about who I am or how I should live:

Prayer What I would like to say to God, ask of God, or what I think God is saying to me:

Key Question What difference can the way of love make in our world and in your life?

Engage

Go around the group and share one thing for each heading that has happened since you last met:

- Plus – What has been good or enjoyable?
- Minus – What has been difficult or painful?
- Interesting – What has been unusual or thought provoking?

As a group, take 5 minutes to brainstorm as many common phrases as you can that include the word “love”.

What might this tell you about how the word love is used in our society?

Explore – Locate

Group exercise: using the scenario of a family meal, design two storyboards as if you were making a 30 second film:

- one that depicts the type of love spoken of in the Bible
- the other that reveals what life can be like without the “way of love”.

Explore – Express

- *What stood out to you in the Bible readings this week?*
- *What did you find meaningful or significant?*
- *Is there anything that you didn't understand or found confusing?*
- *Any questions or comments you may have?*

Read together: Romans 12:9-21

Jesus was known for His love and compassion for others. Many times we find the writers who told His story say, “He had compassion on them”. Love is such a strong part of who He is - it’s “His way”.

Reflections on Love: from Matthew 5

- being loved will be noticed by the world around us
- being loved will express itself in righteous living
- being loved will cause us to have a new priority toward our “brother”
- being loved results in a new respect and honour for the opposite sex
- being loved brings a new perspective to faithfulness in relationships
- being loved brings simplicity to the nature of our speech
- being loved brings a new perspective to our response to unfair treatment
- being loved results in loving those we least expected to

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Explore – Locate *(...continued)*

Reflections on Love: from Romans 12

Love assumes sincerity, devotion, selflessness, passion and perseverance, generosity, hospitality, blessing the persecutor, empathy, harmony, humility, an agenda of peace.

You may wish to explore the meaning of love and what that might mean for you with your coach.

Explore – Integrate

- As you compare what the Bible says about love with the common understanding of love, what do you notice?
- How would you describe your own experience of love?
- What difference can love bring?
- How can you cultivate the way of love this week in your own life?

Extend

Discuss with your group the challenges you are tackling. Use the time to ask for any help you might need.

Questions that may be helpful include:

- What challenges are you working on at the moment?
- Do you need any support or assistance?
- Are there any challenges that you have completed that we need to recognise and celebrate?
- Are there any new challenges that you want to work on?

Encourage

Tell another student in your group something you value or appreciate about them.

Share one thing you would like to pray for and pray for one another.

Share with the group what encourages you about Jesus' "way of love".

Spend some time thanking God for what His love means for you.

Then close with Psalm 63:1-5.