

# Small Group Guide

Week of July 21, 2024  
Round Table Discussion  
Love Unleashed



## Icebreaker



- If love were a food, what would it be and why?
- Share a time when someone showed you unexpected kindness.
- Describe your perfect "love day" – a day filled with things and people you love.



## Discussion Questions



- Human love can be compared to a wind-up toy, while God's love is like a lamp connected to electricity. How have you experienced the difference between human love and God's love in your life?
- Reflect on a time when you felt God's unconditional love. How did it impact your relationship with Him and others?
- Think about this statement, "true love costs something." Can you share an example from your life where love required sacrifice? How did this experience shape your understanding of God's love?
- How does the idea that "our love for one another is evidence of God's presence within us" challenge or encourage you in your daily interactions?
- Being rooted in Christ's love can be compared to a tree planted by a stream. In what areas of your life do you feel most "rooted" in God's love? Where do you feel you need deeper roots?
- Discuss a time when fear held you back from fully experiencing or expressing God's love. How can we support each other in overcoming these fears?
- What are some practical ways we can love those who are difficult to love in our lives?
- What's one thing you want to do differently this week to receive and reveal God's love?



## Thought for the Group



It's easy to think of love as just a warm, fuzzy feeling. But, what we discovered is that love goes so much deeper than that - it's actually at the core of who God is.

Think about it this way: our human love is kind of like a wind-up toy. It's nice, but it eventually runs out of steam. God's love, though? It's more like a lamp that's always plugged in. It never runs out because it's connected to an infinite source and we get to tap into that source! It's not about us trying really hard to manufacture love on our own. Instead, it's about receiving God's love and letting it flow through us. It's like we become these living, breathing billboards for God's love. When we really get how much God loves us, it changes everything. All those fears about not measuring up or being judged? They start to melt away. We're free to love others boldly, even when it's tough.

God doesn't just suggest we love others - He actually commands it. Even the difficult people. Easier said than done! But here's the secret: we can do it when we remember how Christ loved us first. So here's the bottom line, friends. God wants to fill us up with His love until we're overflowing. When we let Him do that, we become these incredible channels of His love to the world around us. Remember, we're not the source of love - we're the conduits. God loved us first, and now we get to pass that love on to others. It's challenging sometimes, but it's also the most freeing and fulfilling way to live.



## Next Steps



- Spend 5 minutes each morning reflecting on God's love for you. Then, perform one unexpected act of kindness for someone each day.
- Identify a fear holding you back. Take one small step this week to confront it, reminding yourself of God's perfect love.