

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

TRUE LOVERS - QUIZ

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Pastor Miles concluded the series True lovers with a quiz on this 7 part series.

MEMORY VERSE

1 John 4:20

If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

DISCUSSION STARTERS

[1] Share how your ideas of love have changed as a result of this series. How have you changed the way you interact with others close to you?

[2] In this series, we discussed times when we tried to love someone else in a way we would have liked, not necessarily loved them in the way the other person would have preferred. We also have received attempts by others to connect with us in ways that are not satisfying to us. Sometimes we excuse undesired behavior by others by saying "They meant well." What effect does this have in our relationships with those close to us?

STUDY QUESTIONS

[3] Words of Affirmation. We can affirm the faithfulness of who people are (God is), what they have (God has) done, and what they have (God has) promised to do. Read **Ephesians 4:29**

Ask who in the group has this as their primary love language. Have the others list things they especially appreciate about each member with this particular Love Language.



- [4] Gifts**
- Giving gifts to others is a sign of appreciation.
 - We must give God the first and best of what we have.
 - God will only bless that which is given first. Read **2 Samuel 24:24**

For those with this primary love language, ask them to share examples of the importance and types of gifts from different family traditions, personality types and cultural backgrounds. How do they express love and why are they of value?

- [5] Quality Time**
- Be willing to remove all distractions from communication and time together.
 - We should establish a time and place to spend quality time with God and read, reflect, and respond to His Word.
 - Quality time with God enables you to hear what He is saying, see what He is doing, and love like He loves. Read **Luke 10:38-42**

If this is your love language, what is your response when someone close to you says "My job (or my _____) is so demanding"? Tell the group what kinds of shared activities you'd appreciate.

- [6] Acts of Service**
- Be willing to view others as better than yourself and submit to one another.
 - Be willing to surrender worldly status for spiritual service, pursuing praise from God instead of man. Read **Mark 10:45**

Criticism of someone's failure to do something for you may be an indication of Acts of Service. Are there struggles with gender role stereotypes ("Women don't _____" or "Men don't do _____")? Are there struggles with submitting to another due to age/experience or positional differences? Where did these ideas and attitudes come from? Share what are your expectations in this area.

- [7] Physical Touch**
- Your physical touch communicates presence and support.
 - God's touch, His transforming presence, should be pursued and shared. Read **Luke 24:37-39**

Discuss the mysteries of emotion as related to physical touch. For example, there are times when we crave an embrace when we hurt. Other times we don't want to be touched at all. What are some of the moods, attitudes and perceptions that affect whether we desire to be touched or held on a given occasion? How can we better communicate that to others?

