

Small Group Lesson 4 | Grow Together: Love In

Main Idea: To commit to a shared life of fellowship through worship, learning, praying, confessing, sharing and serving with other disciples.

Get Connected:

1. Where are the places you feel like you truly belong? What makes you feel that way?
2. If you were to move to a new community, or form a new group of friends, what would be some of the key characteristics you would be looking for?
3. Think of a time you experienced God's love through another person. What did the person do that made you feel loved?

In the Word:

Read Mark 12:29-31

1. Out of 613 commandments in scripture, why did Jesus declare these commandments to be the greatest?
2. Jesus calls us to love God with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength. Define what these four aspects are. How do you love God with each of these?
3. What does it mean to love yourself? What does it look like for someone to be well loved?

Read John 13:34-35 & Colossians 3:14

1. Why is loving one another the distinguishing characteristic of being Jesus's disciple?
2. Based on these criteria, how easily could someone identify you as Jesus's disciple?
3. What is the state of unity in your relationships? What does this say about the level of love expressed in your relationships?

Application:

1. Review your message notes. In which of the requirements of community is your group most strong? Most needs to grow? What can you do to strengthen your "fellowship?"
2. How can you and your group better show love to the people around you?
3. What steps do you need to take to love others well?

Closing Prayer: Invite each person in the group to pray for the person sitting to their right or left. Have the person who goes last offer a prayer of thanks for the shared fellowship of your own small group.