

# THE GREATEST



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## INTRODUCTION

## Part 2 - Understanding How to Love

What really matters? What is important? What does it mean to be great? The series The Greatest explores what really matter to Jesus – love – and it will answer questions such as: Why does love matter so much? What does it mean to love? How can we grow in our capacity to love? Together, let's learn what it really means to love well.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you think most people believe that God loves them? Explain your answer. Did you grow up believing God loved you? If not, what was your view of God growing up?
2. Why do you think many people might struggle with the idea that God loves them? Why do you think it might be easier for people to believe that God loves other people but not us?
3. Why is it important that we believe that God is love?
4. How would you interpret 1 John 3:18? How practically might we “flesh out” this verse?
5. Read 1 John 4:7-12. In what ways has God revealed his love toward us? How have you personally experienced God's love for you? How would you prove to someone else that God is a loving God?
6. How can we grow in our understanding of God's love?
7. Why do you think it is so important that we learn to love one another? Read John 13:34-35. How does our love for one another prove that we are Christ's disciples?
8. How might you apply today's lesson to your life?

## APPLICATION

Love can be defined in so many different ways, that it's often best revealed through an action and not through a feeling. God has provided a picture of what love looks like by the love He's demonstrated. The best way to learn about love is to learn it from the best —Him.

Through the Bible and through our personal experiences with God:

- We see how God personally loves us.
- We see how God loves the world.
- We see how God loves through other believers.

God has brought His love out into the open by sending His one and only Son into this world to die and take our place for our wrong-doing. When we've seen God's love in our own lives, we're able to love God and then love others with the love we have experienced. As you reflect on the love God has for you, look for opportunities to love others through the love given to you.

## KEY VERSES

1 John 3:18  
1 John 4:7-12, 19  
John 3:16  
Romans 5:8  
John 13:34-35