



Leader Notes

The Love Dare

February 7, 2010
Acts 2:42-47, 1 John 4:7-21

Devotional Seed:

How is love expensive? How is it worth the price?

Deeper Roots:

1. According to 1 John, how can we know that we live in God and he in us? He has given us his spirit verse 13 and if we acknowledge Christ verse 15 and because we live in love verse 16.
2. Pastor Dave said that we will be evaluated on our love? What does this mean? He does not mean that God measures our love to see if we qualify for salvation. Rather his point is that 1 Cor 13 says that without love, no other things please God .
3. Can a person be saved and not love? Is loving the way to earn salvation? We all know that salvation is by faith, but faith is closely tied to love. Faith is an expression of love to God. A person who claims to love God will be transformed. A lack of love for others is a sign that a person knows nothing of faith and love for God. Galatians 5:6 says that faith expresses itself through love.
4. According to 1 John, how is love defined? How do we know that God loves us? It is defined as the character of God verse 16 and is exemplified in Christ verses 9-10. Christ shows us that God loves us
5. According to 1 John what motivates our love? Our love is motivated by Gods love for us. Perhaps too simple of a question but can follow on the heels of question 4.

Bearing Fruit: These questions are designed to help people talk about what they believe and feel.

1. What do you look for in a good church? How are you helping make a good church?
2. How is God calling you to practice love (share some practical ideas)
 - a. In your family
 - b. At work
 - c. At Church
3. What characteristic of love from 1 Corinthians 13 challenges you the most?

Branching Out:

Have you recently had a significant conversation with someone who does not yet have faith in Christ? How can we make these conversations a priority?