

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS



Text: Romans 12:9–13

Topic: Love, Affection, Family, Storge

Big Idea of the Message: The first love is described as affection, like the love a parent

has for a child and a family has for each other. While storgē is not in the New

Testament, Paul tells the Roman church to have care and affection for one another in

the family of God.

Application Point: We will have affection and care for each other in the family of

believers.

- 1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- 2. How would you describe love?
- 3. Have you ever heard of the four types of love? What are they?
- 4. What is the *affection* type of love?
- 5. What does God teach us about having the *storgē* love for others?
- 6. How can we pray for you?



Text: Hebrews 13:1–2; 1 Thessalonians 4:9–10 **Topic:** Love, Friendship, Brotherly Love, *Philia*

Big Idea of the Message: The second type of love is the love found in friendship. The Bible speaks of the power that the love between friends can have for one another. **Application Point:** We will cultivate loving friendships like that of close-knit siblings.

- 1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- 2. What comes to mind when you hear the phrase "brotherly love"?
- 3. Describe the love of friendship?
- 4. What does the Bible teach us about the friendship type of love?
- 5. What does this "brotherly love" look like in action?
- 6. How can we pray for you?



Text: Hebrews 13:4

Topic: Love, Romance, Intimacy, *Eros*

Big Idea of the Message: The third type of love is *eros*, the romantic love. While *eros* is not in the New Testament, the concept of this kind of love in marriage is stressed, and the depth of intimacy that binds marriage is reflected in God's relationship to his church. **Application Point:** We will put *eros* love in its proper place and understand the depth of intimacy God wants to have with us.

- 1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- 2. What is something that you think is romantic?
- 3. How does our culture define love and romance?
- 4. What is eros?
- 5. Do we struggle to think of intimacy without thinking of romance?
- 6. What is God's relationship to the church?
- 7. How can we pray for you?



Text: 1 Corinthians 13:4–7

Topic: Love, *Agapē*, Self-Giving Love

Big Idea of the Message: The fourth love is agape. This love reveals God's love for his

creation and the self-sacrificing love found in Christ.

Application Point: We will cultivate a life that gives a self-sacrificing love to others.

- 1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- 2. Can you name someone who was self-sacrificing?
- 3. What is agapē?
- 4. What does 1 Corinthians teach us of this self-sacrificing love?
- 5. How can we show an agape form of love to others?
- 6. How can we pray for you?