

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

If God is Love... Week 4



CONNECT

Spend some time checking in. What are highs and lows since you last met? How can your group members pray for and support each other this week?

GROW

- Who do you allow to be influencers in your life? What do those influential voices say about love? Where have influential voices led you away from love?
- How could you love your enemies, even if you don't agree with them?
- If God sees us through a lens of grace, how could we see other people through a lens of grace as well?

PRAY

Loving God, You sent your son to show us what love looks like. Help us to be people who reflect your love in the world. Amen.



BIBLE READINGS

Matthew 5:43-48

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor[a] and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. 46 If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? 47 And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? 48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Colossians 3:14

14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

1 John 4:20

20 Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.

