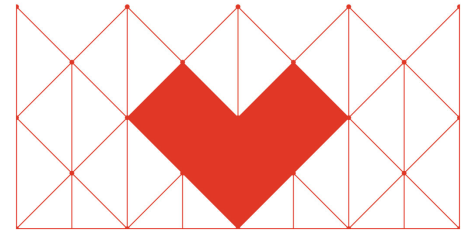




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### MAIN THING

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### SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:19, Romans 8:38-39, Romans 5:8, 1 John 3:1, 1 John 2:4-5, Colossians 2:6-7, Mark 12:30-31

### ICEBREAKER

Have you ever done anything half-hearted? Have you ever done something that you did, because it was a good thing, but never was really all that into it? What was it?

### OPENING THOUGHT

We love because He first loved us. However, our world has no idea what love really is. We think of love as being a romantic feeling, something that comes and goes with how we happen to “feel” at the moment. The Bible says that love is much deeper than that. God calls us to love Him and love other people. Love is the greatest motivator of action the world has ever seen. As Christians, love should be what motivates us to everything we do. Our lives should be marked with love: the right kind of love for each situation. For God so loved the world . . . .

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend’s message?
2. Dave talked about four different types of love that we find in God’s Word. What were they? What do each of them mean? Which one, or ones, do you do well/not well?
3. God loves us in three different ways. What are they? How does that shape the way you see Him? Our response of love to God takes on two different forms. What are they? Why should we love God this way?

### LIFE APPLICATION

Love is a complicated thing, but it’s fairly simple at the same time. Do you do it well? Do struggle to love others? Friends? Family? Spouse? God? As Christians, we are called first to love. How can you better love those around you? Mark 12:30-31

### CHALLENGE

As a group, celebrate each other in love. When someone gets a new job or a raise, go out for a celebration dinner together. When a new child is born, go visit. Bring meals. When someone makes the decision to follow Christ and is baptized, throw a party. As has been stated many times, your group doesn’t exist to give you a new Bible study. It’s there for you to have genuine community. Genuine community celebrates when good times come. Be intentional about celebration as a group.