

Love

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as we dwell in your Word, help us to open our minds and hearts to your idea of love. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Ice breaker questions:

1. What is your favorite love story (movie, book, TV show, fairy tale, etc)?
2. What makes for a good love story?
3. What is it about love stories that make you interested in them?
4. What is the most romantic thing you have ever heard of or seen?

Activity:

As a group, create a list of the top ten love stories of all time. There does not necessarily have to be an order, but there does need to be a number one love story. During this, discuss why each story makes the list and what is special about the relationship.

*Note: A way to get creative would be to have each person bring in a picture or drawing or other two dimensional representation of his or her favorite love story. You could also bring in magazines to have people cut pictures from in case someone forgets or cannot find anything. You can then take tag board or foam board and post the pictures to it as a visual reminder. Feel free to be as imaginative as possible!

Reading: 1 Corinthians 13

Biblical questions:

1. What type of love is being spoken of in this passage? Is it romantic love, friendship love, unconditional love, or something else?
2. What verse is the most meaningful to you, and why?
3. Why do you think love is the greatest when amongst faith and hope? Do you agree or disagree with verse 13?
4. Looking back to the activity and the top ten love stories list, are there any verses from this passage that could be used to describe the love relationships between the people?

Real-Life

1. How easy is it for you to show love to others or tell them you love them?
2. How easy is it to love unconditionally?

3. On a scale of one to ten (one being none, ten being abundant), how much did you feel loved this week? Using this same scale, how much did you love others?
4. Has there ever been a moment in your life when you felt especially loved?
5. What can you do to show people you love them without actually saying it?
6. In a Christian relationship, how should love be shown?

Closing

Have each person take a sheet of paper and write a love note. This love note should include what they would want to hear from someone they love. It is meant to be a personal reflection on what they see themselves wanting from a love relationship, whether romantic, family or friendship. It does not need to be shared with anyone, though it might be a good idea to keep it in a place where if they want to go back to it, it is accessible to them.

Prayer: Gracious God, thank you for opening our hearts to your Word and allowing us to explore meanings of love that might be outside of the traditional view on love. Help us to go forward and share love with others in order that we might serve you. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.