



Week 5: All In - Loving Your Neighbor

FACILITATOR'S NOTE

Regarding COVID: While stress from the COVID-19 pandemic is still high, be sure to check in with group members with what has come to be known as **CPR** (Care, Prayer, Remember):

- **Care** refers to loving and supporting each other, from helping one another with tangible needs, rejoicing in celebrations together, and supporting personal struggles with encouragement and empathy
- **Prayer** refers to bringing our worries and needs before God and depending on him for the answers as we pray for each other, our community, and the world
- **Remember** refers to reflecting on God for who He is, what He has done in our lives, and what He is capable of doing

For more resources on care and prayer, check out the Slack channels.

Using the Discussion Questions:

- ✓ Start your group discussion with the “Check-in” question to help your members reflect back on their week and follow up on last week’s application challenge.
- ✓ Review the “Big Idea” to help you gain clarity around the heart of this week’s message.
- ✓ Read this week’s scripture passages together and guide your group through the “Discuss” questions to initiate meaningful dialogue around key concepts or insights from this week’s message.
- ✓ Move your group discussion to a deeper level by leading them through questions in “Apply”. Use discernment to customize these application questions to meet the needs & dynamics of your group.

NOTE: You do not have to cover all the “Discuss” or “Apply” questions.

- ✓ Connect with God together as a group through this week’s “prayer practice”, which can be in the form of a prayer exercise or some guidance on what to pray for in relation to the message or application.

CHECK-IN	On a scale of 1-5 (5 being the highest), rate your energy level coming into life group today. Another way to think about this is how full or empty is your tank right now?
BIG IDEA	Every command in the Bible comes down to these two principles: love God and love others . If we focus on fulfilling these two commandments, we’ll find that we’re fulfilling all of God’s commands in the process. Loving God and loving one another is not always easy, but it means more to Jesus than any religious ritual.
DISCUSS	<p>Read Matthew 22:36-40</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What in this sermon series resonated with you, challenged you, or was a new revelation for you?

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Can you separate loving God from loving people? Why or why not? What prevents us from loving God and our neighbours fully? Why do we tend to love with only a portion of ourselves?
APPLY How do we respond to God's teaching in meaningful ways? What might God ask of us in mind, spirit, or actions?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> If your love and trust in God were to grow by just 10-20%, what would you be more inclined to say "yes" to God about? Loving others effectively may require us to love them in their specific love language (i.e., words of affirmation, acts of service, quality time, receiving gifts, physical touch), which may not be ours. Which love language does not come naturally to you that you need to develop to better love those close to you?
PRAYER PRACTICE (15 minutes)	<p>As we celebrate thanksgiving, let's take a moment to appreciate our life group. Take turns saying a word of thanks to God for your life group. You can start with the following:</p> <p><i>"Father, I thank you for this life group because..."</i></p>