



Life of Love Week 6 Discussion & Reflection Guide

Questions and Prompts

- **What stood out to you from Sunday's service?** How did you sense God at work in you through the songs, the story video, the message, and being together with others as part of the church? (The message's main points and scripture are listed below if it helps you think back.)
- Matt shared, "loving people well and speaking the truth in love is God's assignment to every believer." **Who comes to mind when you read this?** How do you react to the assignment?
- **Read the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman in John 4:1-41.** (This is a longer section from the story shared during the message.) **What do you notice about Jesus in this story?**
- Matt gave three applications in this teaching. **Read through them and mark the one that stands out to you today. What action do you need to take to love well?**
 - Confronting sin is one of the truest expressions of love.
 - Speaking the truth in love implies you can also speak the truth without love.
 - Because love rejects wrongdoing, it is also slow to evaluate motives.
- **Take a moment to reflect on what you've learned about love during this teaching series.** Read through 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. What do you want to hold onto from this scripture?
- **Is there anything else from the message you want to explore more deeply this week?**

We hope you'll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday's service and reflect on it with a few friends or with a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take your next spiritual step, contact us at info@wschurch.org.

Message Main Points & Scripture

- **Loving people well and speaking the truth in love is God's assignment to every believer**
- 1 Corinthians 13:6 - It (love) does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.
- **Nowhere in this passage are we commanded to FEEL. We are only commanded to DO.**
- 1 Corinthians 13:6 - It (love) does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.
- **For us to love God's truth, we need God's perspective on sin and righteousness.**
- John 4:7-18 - Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." ⁸ He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food.
⁹ The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"
¹⁰ Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water."
¹¹ "But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket," she said, "and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water?" ¹² And besides, do you think you're greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?"
¹³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. ¹⁴ But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."
¹⁵ "Please, sir," the woman said, "give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water."
¹⁶ "Go and get your husband," Jesus told her.
¹⁷ "I don't have a husband," the woman replied.
Jesus said, "You're right! You don't have a husband— ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!"
- **the right person, at the right place/time, in the right way**
- **Confronting sin is one of the truest expressions of love.**
- ***"But you are destroying yourself with what you believe and how you are living." Those were precisely the words that changed my life. The cruise missile of wise love blew apart the bunker of self-will in which I lived. My friend's words were not a product of technique. They were artless. But they had four things going for them. They were true, loving, personal, and appropriate."***
- — **David A. Powlison, Speaking Truth in Love: Counsel in Community**
- **Speaking the truth in love implies you can also speak the truth without love.**
- Ephesians 4:14-16 - Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we

will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

- **Because love rejects wrongdoing, it is also slow to evaluate motives.**
- Matthew 10:16 – “I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.