



# LOVE GOD LOVE PEOPLE

## Description of Love Message 7

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### ► Outline

... 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ...

Mark 12:31 (NLT)

#### A. Introduction

(Mark 12:28-31; John 13:34; 1 Corinthians 13:1-3)

#### B. Love...

(1 Corinthians 13:4-5)

1. Remains \_\_\_\_\_.

(1 Corinthians 13:4a. C/R: 2 Corinthians 6:6;  
Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:12)

2. Refuses \_\_\_\_\_.

(1 Corinthians 13:4b. C/R: Proverbs 27:4; Galatians 5:26;  
James 3:14-16)

3. Resists \_\_\_\_\_.

(1 Corinthians 13:5b. C/R: Romans 12:10;  
1 Corinthians 10:24; Philippians 2:3-4)

4. Rejects \_\_\_\_\_.

(1 Corinthians 13:5c. C/R: Acts 7:59-60;  
Colossians 3:13-14; 1 Peter 4:8)

**Answers:** 1. others-centered 2. comparisons 3. selfishness 4. resentment

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## ► Discussion Guide

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### Conversation Starter

What thoughts, images and experiences come to mind when you think of love?

### Prayer

Spend a few minutes slowing down. Allow enough time for your mind to stop racing and your heart to experience a sense of calm. As you begin this week's study, ask God to reveal Himself to you in new and beautiful ways. Say yes in your spirit to all He has for you.

### Bible Study and Group Discussion

#### Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-5.

1. What shifts have you noticed in your own life when it comes to loving others?
2. How can the attitude of *having it all together* be a barrier to love?
3. Are you secure in your own identity, or do you often compare yourself with others? Why do you think that is? What are the inevitable results of comparison?
4. Why is an honest self-image essential to healthy relationships?
5. When have you seen pride or resentment tear apart a relationship?
6. When someone treats you wrongly, how do you tend to view them?
7. When have you experienced the joy and freedom of forgiveness? How easy is it for you to let go of the past?
8. Are you a good listener, or do you have a difficult time waiting for your turn to speak?

9. *We love each other because He loved us first.* (1 John 4:19 NLT). When has the love of Jesus either healed or strengthened one of your relationships?

10. Describe a time you took a risk to love someone. What was that like for you? What was the result?

11. Describe a time you experienced the kindness of God.

12. Based on this week's lesson, what work needs to be done in your heart to make you a more loving person? How will you take on the task of personal transformation?

### Spiritual Practice

*A spiritual practice is something we can do to help us live in and enjoy God's grace. Our hope is that these would become a regular part of your life, so that walking and talking with God is the most natural thing you do.*

Keep a record of your positive and negative judgments of others throughout the day. Reflect on what your judgments reveal. Confess any known sins to God and ask Him to fill your heart with love so you can love others well.

### Memory Verse

*"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples."*

**John 13:35 (NLT)**

### Daily Reading

Day 1: 2 Corinthians 6:6

Day 4: Proverbs 27:4

Day 2: Ephesians 4:2

Day 5: Philippians 2:3-4

Day 3: 1 Peter 4:8

### Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, June 4, we'll continue the series *Love God · Love People*. To prepare, read **1 Corinthians 13:6-7**.



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