



The Most Powerful Substance Known To Man

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God is _____, 1 John 4:7-10

Community Group Discussion Questions

PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION

- Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but **select 5 or 6 questions** you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won't have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.
- Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.
- You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.
- Check out this Facilitation Guide (<http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide>) for tips on leading good discussions.

ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)

1. Share your name and answer the following question:
 - What makes you feel most loved by others: words of affirmation, acts of service, receiving gifts, quality time, physical touch?

OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes) – Have someone recap the message in about a minute or two and then ask the following questions:

2. What scripture, stories, or ideas from Sunday's message challenged your view of God's love?
3. Mark shared 2 dimensions of Biblical love:
 - Acting toward someone for their good.
 - Feeling something good toward someone.
 - What are some common situations we don't feel like acting in love toward others?
4. Mark compared Contract Love with Covenant Love.
 - Contract Love: I'll do my part if you do yours
 - Covenant Love: I'll act with love no matter what
 - Where do you find yourself tempted to display Contract Love instead of Covenant Love?

DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes) – ask everyone to follow along in their Bible or Bible app.

5. Read 1 John 4:7-10.
 - What can we learn about love from these verses?
 - Reread vs. 10. How should the order of God's love and our love impact us?
6. Read Luke 6:34-35.
 - What are some examples of what it might look like to love as Jesus describes in these verses?
 - What keeps us from loving this way?
 - Who do you have the most difficulty showing love toward?

APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes)

7. Mark shared 3 ways we can display God's love: 1. Forgive the person who doesn't deserve it. 2. Give to the person who can't repay you. 3. Befriend the person you aren't naturally drawn toward.
 - Who do you need to show love toward this week?
 - How can you display love for them?