

Live Love
Week 2: Love Your Neighbor
August 29th, 2021

OPENING PRAYER

Have someone in the group invite God's Holy Spirit into our presence. Pray for your encounter with God's Word. Ask God to open your heart and mind to some new understanding and especially to a new way of applying this truth in our daily lives.

SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

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| ~Safe Group | ~Silence | ~Sharing |
| ~Confidentiality | ~No Cross Talk | ~Self-Aware |
| ~Listen | ~No Fixing | ~"I" Statements |
| ~Pause | ~No Rescuing | ~Handle Conflict Biblically |

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

Go around the room and briefly share your answer to the following question:

When is it appropriate to decorate or begin celebrating fall? (i.e.- pumpkins, fall drinks, etc.)

INTRODUCTION

You can't live love until you live loved! This is a powerful reminder of how important it is to receive and experience God's love in order to love others well. Our study today focuses on the commandment to "*Love your neighbor as yourself.*" This week we continue in our series **Live Love** with a message titled **Love Your Neighbor**. But remember, you are called to love your neighbors **as yourself**. Our scripture for our group experience comes from *Romans 13:8-10*.

THIS WEEK'S KEY SCRIPTURE: Romans 13:8-10

Read the passage: Have someone in your group read the passage of scripture as everyone else follows along in their Bible.

DISCUSSION:

Go around the room and share from your heart, remembering the group guidelines.

EXPLORING THE SCRIPTURE:

- What do you notice in this text with new or fresh eyes?
- What do you struggle with?
- What surprises you?
- What encourages you?

ENGAGING THE MESSAGE:

- How does loving your neighbor “fulfill the requirements of God’s law”?
- How does love for self become the basis for loving your neighbor?
- What are some challenges you face in having a healthy love for yourself?
- Read Psalm 139:14. Do you find it difficult to embrace this kind of love for yourself? If so, how might that make it difficult to love your neighbor?

LIVING IT OUT-APPLICATION:

- What steps could you take in the coming weeks to embrace a healthy, Biblical love for self?

- **What steps will you take to fulfill Christ's command to "love your neighbor"?**

CLOSING PRAYER: Spend some time in prayer, pray for the season we are in, for those that may be affected, for the community, for our world. Pray for one another, for those that might be absent and for prayer requests.