



Demonstrating God's Love

Multi-Ethnic Ministry Series: Video 3 - Dialogue 2

Group Facilitator:	Take a moment to outline what the discussion will be, and open your time together with prayer.
Scripture Reading:	Matthew 5:43-48
Opening Exercise:	<p>View Video 3 – “Sharing God’s Love”</p> <p>Give participants a moment of silence after viewing the video to reflect on what phrase or idea left the greatest impression on them. Have participants write down the phrase or idea so they don’t forget!</p> <p>Ask, “What spoke to you and why?”</p>
Opening Questions:	<p>List the people or groups of people whom Jesus loved that the religious leaders and society at that time rejected.</p> <p>Discuss this quote, “Our faith can’t be kept to ourselves; if it is we’ll die.” How is this statement true?</p>
Scripture Focus:	<p>1 John 4:7-21</p> <p>How many times does the word “love” appear in this passage?</p> <p>What proves God’s love for us?</p> <p>What demonstrates our love for God?</p> <p>How do fear, lack of knowledge and lack of relationship keep us from sharing God’s love?</p> <p>A key aspect of sharing God’s love is going to where people are and being with them as modeled by Jesus. Where in your life and community do you need to go? Where could our church be present?</p> <p>It takes work and intentionality to share God’s love. What are intentional ways you can share God’s love with people?</p>
Personal Response:	<p>On a scale of 1-10 (1 being low and 10 being high), how much does fear play a role in your decision-making when it comes to forming new friendships and sharing God’s love?</p> <p>Memorize one of these verses (Psalm 27:1, Romans 8:15, 1 Corinthians 2:2-4, 2 Timothy 1:7 or 1 John 4:18) and use it to counter feelings of fear.</p>
Group Facilitator:	Have participants close their time together with prayer.
