



Small Group Reflection Guide

Theme: Loving Like Jesus Loves Us and Others

Opening (5–10 min)

- Share highs and lows from this past week.
- Icebreaker: *“Describe a time when you felt really loved and valued by someone—what made it meaningful?”*

Scripture Reading

- John 13:34–35 – “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you love one another.”
- 1 John 3:18 – “Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”

Reflection & Discussion (30–40 min)

1. Understanding Jesus’ Love

- How does Jesus demonstrate His love for us in the Gospels?
- What is different about His love compared to how the world defines love?
- Why do you think Jesus ties our witness to the way we love one another?

2. Love in Action

- 1 John 3:18 calls us to love “with actions and in truth.” What does that look like in daily life?
- What are some obstacles that keep us from loving others this way? (Pride, fear, busyness, judgment, etc.)

3. Acceptance vs. Affirmation

- From your notes: the difference between *acceptance* (welcoming the person) and *affirmation* (agreeing with every choice).
- How can we love people as Jesus did—accepting them—without necessarily affirming all of their actions?

4. Responding to Conflict or Sin

- The Bible speaks of confronting in love (Matthew 18:15, Galatians 6:1).
- How can correcting or rebuking someone actually be an act of love?
- Share a time when someone’s loving correction helped you grow.

5. Application Challenge

- Where is Jesus asking you to show His kind of love this week?
- Who in your life needs not just words, but actions that reflect Christ’s love?

Prayer & Commitment (10–15 min)

- Invite each person to share one name or situation where they want to apply Jesus’ love this week.
- Pray over those names/situations together.
- Close with a prayer asking God to fill the group with Christ’s love and courage to live it out.

Optional Follow-Up During the Week

- Encourage group members to check in with one another midweek: *“How did you practice loving like Jesus?”*
- Journaling prompt: Write down ways you noticed Jesus’ love for you each day, and one way you shared that love with someone else.