For follow up study of the sermon on September 17, 2017

STUDY GUIDE: "Love"

Discussion Starters

1. Who is it easiest for you to love?

2. Who is it hardest for you to love?

Study

To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek or Hebrew word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

3. Look up the Greek words "agapao" (agape in noun form) and "phileo". (Use a Bible Dictionary like "Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words". If you are unable to do this, consult your group leader.) What does each mean, and how do they differ?

4. Define the following words or terms. Note for each of them how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.

--"love" (Matthew 5:44)—

--"put him to the test" (Luke 10:25)—

--"love" (Luke 10:27)—

--"heart" (Luke 10:27)—

--"soul" (Luke 10:27)—

--"strength" (Luke 10:27)—

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--"mind" (Luke 10:27)—

--"love of the brethren" (Hebrews 13:1)—

--"hospitality to strangers" (Hebrews 13:2)—

5. How do we "love" God (Luke 10:27)? Give a specific example.

6. Jesus commands his followers to love one another "just as I have loved you" (John 15:12). How do we love one another as He loved us? Give a specific example.

7. How does love of a neighbor or friend differ from love of an enemy?

Taking It Home

8. How do you need to love God this week? Do you need any help in doing this?

9. What people in your life do you need to love?

10. Who are your "enemies"? Give one specific way you can love them this week.