STUDY GUIDE: "Love"

Discussion Starters

- 1. What do you think of when you hear the word "love"?
- 2. Who do you love? (list as many as you like, but be specific)

Study

This study guide is designed to follow up the sermon "Love" at NOCC on 9/30/18. If you weren't in worship at NOCC that Sunday, listen to the sermon on nocc.org or the NOCC app.

3. Read the following passages and note what they say about our love.

Matthew 22:34-40

John 15:12-17

Galatians 5:13-15

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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.

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, and why you think this word was chosen.

--"life" (John 15:13)

--"friends" (John 15:13)

--"love" (1 Corinthians 13:1)

--"patient" (1 Corinthians 13:4)

--"kind" (1 Corinthians 13:4)

6. EXTRA CREDIT: Using a Bible dictionary, find as many words as you can which are translated "love" in scripture, and note the specific meaning of each of these words.

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7. How does someone "love" God with all their heart, etc.? Be specific and cite the scripture that tells you this.

8. Is "self-love" a good thing? Please explain your answer from scripture.

9. In 1 Corinthians 13 there are numerous descriptions of "love". List each one you see, and give an example of how a Christian can do that today.

Taking It Home

10. Who do you find it easy to love in the manner of 1 Corinthians 13? Difficult? What is the difference?

- 11. How can you express your love for another person today?
- 12. How can you express your love of God today?