

Consider beginning your time together with a song that focuses on God love.

God Is Love:

During this series we are looking at who God is. This week we will see how God is love. He has loved us with an everlasting and unconditional love. In fact He has not only loved us, the word of God says that he is love. "God is love" 1 John 4:16.

- Read 1 John 4 and consider those words regarding God's love.
- What do you think verse 16 means, God is love?

Ask people to share. It is difficult for us to sometime grasp the understanding that God is love. Real love. And we love because he loved first.

- What truth do you find about how God demonstrates love to us?

These are very evangelistic verses. He demonstrated His love by sending his son as a sacrifice that made full atonement for our sin so that we could become his children. That is love more than we can imagine.

Reflect on the lyrics to this old hymn, the Love of God.

*The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell
It goes beyond the highest star
And reaches to the lowest hell
The guilty pair, bowed down with care
God gave His Son to win
His erring child He reconciled
And pardoned from his sin*

*Could we with ink the ocean fill
And were the skies of parchment made
Were every stalk on earth a quill
And every man a scribe by trade*

*To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry
Nor could the scroll contain the whole
Though stretched from sky to sky*

*O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
The saints' and angels' song*

This Weeks Memory Passage: Psalm 36:5

*Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.*

Daily Scripture Meditation Reading:

God's love revealed in the Psalms

- Day 1: Psalm 31
- Day 2: Psalm 33
- Day 3: Psalm 36
- Day 4: Psalm 57
- Day 5: Psalm 106

- How has reading through the Psalms this week helped you see God as love?

Ask people to share about their reflection on the love of God. This is such an amazing subject that everyone should have something to share. Perhaps pick a few verse of your own to reflect on.

I suggest: Psalm 33:5 or Psalm 36:5-6

- What does the truth that God is Love mean to you personally?

Let people share

- How has God shown you His love in your life?

Let people share

- How should the love of God affect the way you live?

Ask people to share. One truth that comes out is that because God is love, he has called us to a life of love.

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 1 John 3:1

Discovering God Is Love

Read and journal your thoughts from Psalm 36:5-10

*Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your justice like the great deep.
O LORD, you preserve both man and beast.
How priceless is your unfailing love!
Both high and low among men
find refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from your river of delights.
For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.
Continue your love to those who know you,
your righteousness to the upright in heart.*

What do these verses tell you about God's love?

How should this truth lead you in response toward God?

Write a prayer to God with your response today: