

DISCUSSION GUIDE

GETTING BETTER AT LOVING PEOPLE
Until He Comes | 1 Thessalonians — Week 5
1 Thessalonians 3:12

ICEBREAKER: What's one of your favorite summer activities to do with family or friends?

OVERVIEW: "All the world needs now is love." However, love is easier said than done. Sinful people aren't very loving or loveable, and we're all sinners. Yet Jesus summarized the way He wants us to interact with others with the word "love." After loving God, the most important commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself. In this discussion we will go deeper with how to increase and overflow with love.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Describe the most loving person you have ever met.
3. Would those closest to you describe you as a loving person? Why or why not?
4. When is it hard to love someone?

5. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-7?
 - a. What is the big idea of verses 1-3?
 - b. In verses 4-7, what are the things that love is NOT?
 - c. In the same verses, what are the things that love IS?
6. Read 1 Thessalonians 3:12.
 - a. The Greek word used for "love" in this verse is *agape*. That is *agape* love?
 - b. What are the two ways God wants us to grow in love? What is the difference between the two?
 - c. Who does God want us to love?
7. How do you need to grow to be a more loving person?

The Last Word: "Your devotion to God is illustrated, demonstrated, and authenticated by your love for others."
Anonymous

