



## LESSON 3 // LIVING IN LOVE—PART 3

**Big Idea:** If we are going to live in love, we need to know what love really is. From God's perspective, love isn't a feeling—it's a commitment, decisions, attitudes, actions and sacrifice.

This means that love must be prioritized and practiced. We do this by giving time to God and people. We forgive quickly and apologize promptly. We also learn to speak the love language of others. These become consistent habits for those who want to love wisely and well.

**1 John 3:18 (TLB)** *Little children, let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions.*

### Group Discussion:

This weekend we learned that God defines love differently than we do. What part of the message spoke to you the most and why?

Outside of your love for God and family, what are some things in your life that you love? Talk about why you love those things.

How would you describe what God's love is and what it's like to someone that's never experienced it?

**Read 1 Corinthians 13:8.** Share a time you felt like love failed you. How can you still see God's love at work?

What are the biggest enemies keeping you from living out action-oriented love?

This weekend Pastor Dale shared practical things we can do to grow in love. Which of these do you currently need to focus on? What steps (or habits) can you put in place to grow in this area?

How is God calling you to love someone else? What's your next step in showing love to that person?

### Prayer Focus:

Break into small groups and have each person share one person they struggle with loving. Pray over these relationships together.

### Leader Tip:

Challenge your group to spend time with that person (if possible) this week. It can be in person or over the phone. Follow-up at the next gathering by asking members to share the impact that this had on their perspective and relationships.