



The Father's Love

Ice Breaker: What is your favorite way to show someone that you love them?

“The Church has surrendered her once lofty concept of God and has substituted for it one so low, so ignoble, as to be utterly unworthy of thinking, worshipping men...With our loss of the sense of majesty has come the further loss of religious awe and consciousness of the divine Presence. We have lost our spirit of worship and our ability to withdraw inwardly to meet God in adoring silence.” — A.W. Tozer, “The Knowledge of the Holy”

Discuss:

>Have you seen the evidence of what A.W. Tozer speaks of in the above quote? Talk about what that looks like in the circles you live in.

Read: 1 John 4:8 (ESV)

Discuss:

>Who is God?

>>When He does things, from what heart does He do those things?

Read: 1 John 1:5 (ESV)

Discuss:

>How much Darkness is in God?

>>Does God care how you act? Why or why not?

Read: Deuteronomy 7:6-8 (NIV)

Discuss:

>The Lord did not set his affection on Israel because they were the most special. Why did He choose them?

>>Why does God love you?

>>>Do you deserve God's love?

Read: Jeremiah 31:3 (ESV)

Discuss:

>Was this about their performance or their chosenness?

>>Do you see God as someone who will knock you in the head?

>>>The one who loves you the best loves you the most. Do you find yourself resisting that statement? How does that play out in your daily walk?

Read: John 3:14-16 (ESV)

Discuss:

>What correlation do you see between the serpent Moses lifted up and Jesus?

Read: Romans 3:9-18 (ESV)

Discuss:

>How do I come to God if I don't seek God?

>>How do I know Good if there is not Good in me?

>>>Why would God love us?

Read: Romans 5:8 (ESV)

Discuss:

>This is the story of the Bible. But why would God do that?

>>God is Holy. He is Just. He is loving. He is Righteous. He is all of those things, and His love is unconditional.

Pray: Father, teach us to embrace your Love that we cannot understand. Help us to walk in the confidence that you love us unconditionally. Please help us respond with Faith to walk in ways that make you smile!