

Week 2 - Love

Scriptures: 1 John 4:7-12, 1 Corinthians 13

Big Idea

Love is the first fruit because it is the foundation of all the others. Biblical love is not merely an emotion, but a Spirit-empowered choice to seek the good of others, reflecting the love we have received from God.

Opening Question

When you hear the word “love,” what comes to mind first: a feeling, an action, or a commitment?

Teaching Summary

- Love begins with God, not us.
- We love because He first loved us. The Spirit pours God’s love into our hearts.
- Biblical love is active, not passive.
- It shows up in patience, kindness, humility, and sacrifice.
- Love is the visible marker of discipleship.
- Jesus said love would be how the world recognizes His followers.
- Love grows best in difficult spaces.
- The Spirit uses relationships, conflict, and inconvenience to form love in us.

Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4–7. Which description of love do you find most challenging right now?
2. How does Spirit-produced love differ from love that depends on mood, chemistry, or convenience?
3. Why do you think love is listed first among the fruit of the Spirit?
4. How can love shape the way we handle disagreement or tension within the church?

Personal Reflection

1. Who is one person God may be inviting you to love more intentionally right now?
2. Are there limits you’ve placed on your love (who deserves it, who doesn’t)?
3. How has God’s love for you changed the way you see yourself?

(Encourage journaling or silent prayer.)

Group Prayer

Guided Prayer:

God, You have loved us with a love that is patient and kind. Teach us to love as You love. Where our love is limited, grow it. Where our love is weak, strengthen it. Fill us with Your Spirit so love flows from us. In Jesus' name, amen.

Optional Prayer Prompt:

Invite group members to pray silently for the person they identified during reflection.