

LOVE — AND — MARRIAGE

September 16
Building A Foundation That Lasts
Community Group Discussion Guide

WELCOME

At the start of a new series, you may have some new people in the group. Please take a few moments to reemphasize the need for community and how this is a place for us to grow together. This is not a place for perfect people but a place to learn about how Jesus wants to transform our lives and our relationships. Please acknowledge that while love and marriage can sometime be a difficult subject to discuss, as it is personal, we were designed to help each other grow. If you have a lot of new people, take a few moments to make sure everyone knows everyone.

STARTER

As we begin to study what the Scriptures say about love and marriage, what do you hope to gain from this study?

INTRODUCING THE SERIES

As we begin this study, please explain the aim of this study. Group leaders can use the CG Series Guide to break this down and share with the group what we will be exploring together.

OPENING THE SCRIPTURE

Please have someone in the group read 1 John 4:7-11.

How does this verse both define and demonstrate what love is?

If 1 John 4:9-10 gives the definition of love as being that Jesus came to die for our sins, what characteristic does Jesus demonstrate that help us to define love?

Based on this Scripture, what is the rationale for loving others? How does this shape our motivation?

APPLYING WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED

Who are some people in your life who have demonstrated what real sacrificial love looks like? What have you learned from them?

In your mind, what is the most difficult aspect of learning to love sacrificially?

How does a different definition of love change the way that we view singleness, dating, or marriage?

CLOSING

Please take time to pray for the group and also to remind everyone that next week we start the video discussions.