

WELCOME TO  
**THE ROAD.TV LIVE**  
**CHURCH**  
**WHERE YOU ARE**

**7.19.20**

**THE LOVE QUESTION**  
**I John 3: 11-24**

**Ask and discuss:** Why does "love" seem to be the most common theme of songs, poetry, stories, movies, etc.? What is it that is so compelling about "love"?

Ask a group member to read the text.

In I John 3:11 John takes us all the way back to early Genesis in talking about the importance of love.

Ask and discuss: What does John imply about the message of love in the Scriptures? Brother Rick points out that love is the one consistent underlying message throughout the Scriptures.

God wants us to show selfless love, agape love, toward others. It's not enough to love everyone in a general sense. We're to love people specifically. Brother Rick challenges us to pick one person and do for that person, what we wish we could do for everyone. Love that person like we wish we could love everyone.

Ask group members to either aloud or to themselves: Identify someone other than a family member that you're loving or could begin loving selflessly.

Brother Rick says our relationships change us.

Ask a group member to read I Corinthians 15:33. "Do not be deceived: 'Bad company ruins good character.'"

Ask group members to: Think of some ways past relationships have not changed you for the better.

Our relationship with Jesus changes us!

Ask a group member to read Romans 8:29 "For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers."

Ask group members to: Name some of the ways in which your relationship with Jesus has changed you.

Ask group members: Do you see your role as a follower of Christ as that of a priest? To show people Jesus?

And: How can each of our lives honor the Lord and point people to Him?

It all begins in the heart. You cannot separate the heart from the hand. What's going on inside you is more important than what's happening outside you.



Ask: If you do something good but with a bad attitude do you still get "credit" with God? Is God pleased?

Ask a group member to read I Corinthians 13: 1-3. What do these verses tell us about doing good things but with the wrong attitude?

Ask a group member to read I John 3:18. What does this verse tell us about words and deeds?

We learn to love by looking at Jesus. Three things about the model of love Jesus gave us.

Jesus showed up. Jesus left the comfort of heaven to come to the discomfort of earth for you.

Ask: Who are you showing up for? In what ways are you "showing up?"

Jesus stepped up. It does no good to show up if you don't step up. Wherever Jesus saw need He stepped up; for the blind man, the leper, etc.

Ask: Who are you stepping up for? In what ways are you "stepping up?"

Jesus gave up. Jesus gave up His life for you and me. This is how we know He loves us - He laid down his life for us.

Ask: Who are you giving up something for? What are you giving up?

Summary: I John 3: 17 & 18

Love cannot be just attitude. It cannot be just words. It has to be more than actions. It must be all three; attitudes, words and actions. My attitude toward you must be loving, my words must be loving and my actions must be loving. Love must be threefold.

If any one of these is missing love is less than it can be. Ask group members to commit to work hard on all three!