



LifeGroup Discussion Guide

Love: the Verb

Remember this page is designed to *begin* a discussion with your LifeGroup. It is not comprehensive. Allow the following questions to spur on deeper and further conversation, study, and discussion.

Go around and share a story of when someone did something for you selflessly out of love. In your experience, what was it that made this act of kindness so meaningful?

READ: John 13:34-35 - What was Jesus referring to when He describes his command as "new?" Can you describe some ways that Jesus displays His love for His disciples? Go around and each take one of these verses and share how they describe the love Jesus has for His disciples:

READ: John 10:11

READ: John 15:13

READ: Romans 5:7-8

READ: 1 Peter 3:18

The intensity of John's application of Jesus' love states that "*we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers*" (**1 John 3:16**). Chris Kuzak once shared in a message something to the effect of "*it's worthless to say that you'd die for someone one, if you aren't even willing to take out the trash.*" How do you think we ought to interpret John's application in **1 John 3:16**? How ought we "*lay down our lives*?" How does **verse 18** help us understand more of what John has in mind? What are the implications of getting this wrong?

Our study's application included a call to "*watch over*" your brothers and sisters in the church. How have you seen this done well?

We are also exhorted to "*order*" or steward our lives to be moved by compassion for others. How are you seeking to steward your time, talents, and tokens so that you can be used by God to love and bless others?

Finally, go around and list out some challenges to loving the church? What makes it hard to obey Jesus' command in John's application? Close out your time with a prayer asking God to equip you by his Spirit for fruitful living in loving the church.