



Resilient - *Living LOVE*

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: (Page 1)

Traditional Model

Who in your life is the greatest model of love? What have you learned about love from them?

What new things is God teaching you about love today?

Whose role model are you in how to love? What do you think they've learned from you?

Read Eph 3:17-19. What specific things does Paul pray about in these verses? Why is it important for us to comprehend God's love? What are your thoughts about the following statement: *The hardest thing you will ever do is to fully comprehend God's love for you.*

How does the following quote from Tim Keller (Pastor/Author of Redeemer's Presbyterian Church, NYC) affect you?

"The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope." -- Tim Keller

What do the following verses say about where our ability to love comes from, and how we are to love? John 13:34; 15:9; 15:12. How do these verses affect your perspective on love?

Do you think "loved people love people?" Why?



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Pick one of the descriptions/verses the list of how Jesus loved and share with the group how you sense God challenging you to move forward in it.

Share how you can personally live out the new Sunridge Vision and the ways you think Sunridge could do so as a church?

The new Sunridge Vision
Deepen faith. Bring hope. Live love.

Contemplative Model

Ask these of the group or break into groups of 2-3 to allow people to interact more.

What are you learning about God from the message?

What are you learning about yourself from the message?

What questions did the message leave you with?

What is God doing in your heart lately?

What things do you feel are getting in the way from what God wants to do in you?

How can I pray for you?

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Leader's Guide: Resilient: *Living LOVE*

Resilient...

OUTLINE & SCRIPTURES

1Co 13:13 *And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

Greatest = mega. Hugest. Loudest. Widest. Most important.

GAINING PERSPECTIVE ON LOVE

Without love, our accomplishments are meaningless.

1Co 13:1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

The hardest thing you will ever do is to fully comprehend God's love for you.

Eph 3:17 And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Why is this a topic of recorded prayer...

"The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope." -- Tim Keller

Joh 15:9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. **Now remain in my love.**

Love & Resiliency: *Living a life of love makes us resilient because we live from a perspective of abundance, not scarcity.*

A commandment about love:

Eph 5:2 **live a life of love**, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us



Loved people love people

Joh 15:12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

We are to emulate Jesus' love

Joh 13:34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. **As I have loved you**, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

What does it mean to love like Jesus loved?

- **Costly love:** Joh 15:13 Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.
- **Sincere love:** Ro 12:9 Love must be sincere.
- **"Put up with you" love:** Eph 4:2 Bear with one another in love.

1Pe 3:8 Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another;*

- **Truthful love:** Eph 4:15 Speaking the truth in love,
- **Unfailing love:** 1Cor 13:8 Love never fails.

Never fails: doesn't leap out.

What happens when someone with a deepening faith chooses to bring hope from the abundance of love God has shed in their hearts?

What happens when a church chooses to deepen faith, bring hope and live love?

1Th 1:3 We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by **faith**, your labor prompted by **love**, and your endurance inspired by **hope** in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Th 1:8 The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia--***your faith in God has become known everywhere.***



The New Sunridge Vision
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What is the Gospel?

The Gospel is the “good news” that Jesus entered into our broken world to rescue us from sin. The good news is that through Christ’s redemptive sacrifice on the cross, sinners are pardoned, the undeserving are given grace, and the

broken are restored. There is no sin too heinous for God’s forgiveness. There is no person so good in-and of-themselves that they do not require forgiveness. Salvation is a free gift of God to anyone who genuinely acknowledges their brokenness and confesses saving faith in the Son of God. It doesn’t take strong faith, just genuine faith in order to be saved.

An example prayer you could pray:

Heavenly Father, I acknowledge I’m broken and a sinner. I believe that Christ died on the cross for sin, and through his resurrection overcame sin and death. I believe in you. I thank you for saving me.

The good news does not end with a confession of faith. New faith can grow into deep faith if cultivated. Let someone at Sunridge know about your new-found faith, and inquire about our new believer’s resource: God Time: Your First 31 Days. Follow Christ wholeheartedly by professing your faith publicly through baptism, learning the Bible by attending church regularly and pursuing the unique calling of Jesus in your life!