

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Series: It's What We Do

Sermon: Love Fights

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OVERVIEW

Series Summary: Love is not just a feeling. Real love involves action—it takes grit and is often messy. It's what we do to care for the people around us, which ripples out into our communities, and even across the globe. *It's What We Do* is an exciting, month-long initiative, discovering what it means to live from a place of radical love. Starting Easter weekend and for the next 35 days, we'll engage inspiring weekend messages, daily challenges, and simple spiritual practices to help us experience God's radical love and put it into action. In this series, *It's What We Do*, we want to come out on the other side with a fresh perspective on how love can be what you do every day.

Main Insight: We are called to be salt and light to those around us; Christ love compels us to do the work of an evangelist praying and sharing our story and the love of Christ.

Memory Verses: 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, Romans 5:8

Key Scriptures:

- 2 Corinthians 4:4-6 – Let light shine out of the darkness
- 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 – Fix our eyes on Jesus and what is eternal
- 2 Corinthians 5:11,14-15 – Christ's love compels and persuades us to share
- 2 Corinthians 5:20 – We are Christ's ambassadors
- 1 Peter 3:15 – Be ready to share the hope that is within you
- Matt 15:8 – Hard hearts
- Matt 9:36 – Jesus had compassion on the harassed and helpless

GROUP DISCUSSION



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Leaders can access digital resources at <http://bit.ly/2FT983c>

This week remind the group to check out the Salt & Light Workshops!

Spend some time before talking about the **What We Do Challenges**

*Are people doing it? What are they learning? How are they growing?
Are there challenges we would like to do together as a group?*

LOVE FIGHTS

- Last week we talked about receiving the resurrection of Christ personally; choosing to follow Jesus means that we take on a new identity. **What are characteristics of our new identity in Christ?** (i.e. *salt & light, ambassadors, heirs, become family of God*)
- **Share about a time when you saw another Christ follower praying and sacrificing for someone to come to know Jesus?** Describe what that was like.
- **2 Cor 4:4 says, that Satan has blinded the minds of unbelievers. How has Satan done this?** (*sin is logical or makes sense to the unbeliever*) **When did you realize your own blindness?**

Fighting to win the souls of others becomes a normal part of what a Christ follower does! A Christian believes that we are saved from darkness and others are still trapped in it, needing to be rescued.

THE RESCUING OF OUR SOULS IS THE MOST CRITICAL ISSUE FACING HUMANITY.

OUR LIFE MISSION

- **Read 2 Corinthians 4:5-6. We are the light of the world! (Matt 5:14)**
 - In light of this truth, how might we think, talk, love, and live differently?
 - What does it mean to be a servant for the sake of Jesus?
- **Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. What might distract us or cause us to lose heart on this mission to fight for the souls of others?**
 - Where have you lost heart?
 - How do you need to fix your eyes on Jesus?
- **Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-15. Have you ever tried to persuade or compel someone to do something?** Describe what that experience was like.

This verse teaches us that we are no longer to live for ourselves!

- **What does an ambassador do? What does sacrifice look like?**
- **What can we expect as one who is committed to fighting for the heart and soul of another?** (we will experience hardship and will require perseverance)

- **What does it mean to do the “work on an evangelist”? (2 Tim 4:5)**

- **1 Peter 3:15 says we are to be prepared to share the reason for the hope that is within us.** Could you share that hope with someone today? How can you prepare?

- **What is a reason that maybe you “checked out” from sharing your story or doing the work of the evangelist?**

- **How do you need to respond and take action?**
 - Move past your fear and anxiety
 - Commit to pray for your “3”
 - Repent of your hard heart
 - Do you lack experience - Sign up for Salt & Light Workshop

Landing Point: As followers of Christ, the love of Christ compels and persuades us to do the work of an evangelist.