

Love is...

I. Opener

Game

Do You Love Your Neighbor?

You need chairs for this game. Have everyone sit in a circle. There should be one less seat than there are people, and the extra person stands in the middle. The person standing approaches someone who is seated and asks him, "Do you love your neighbor?" The seated person can answer two ways. If he says, "No," then the people seated directly next to him have to switch seats as quickly as possible so that the standing person doesn't get one. If he says, "Yes," he must add a qualify statement such as, "But I don't like people who have blue eyes." Anyone who matches the description must get up and find a different seat. Whoever is left standing is then the "asker."

II. Announcements

III. Story Luke 10:30-37

³⁰..... "There was once a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. **On the way he was attacked by robbers. They took his clothes, beat him up, and went off leaving him half-dead.** ³¹Luckily, a priest was on his way down the same road, but when he saw him he angled across to the other side. ³²Then a Levite religious man showed up; he also avoided the injured man.

³³"A Samaritan traveling the road came on him. **When he saw the man's condition, his heart went out to him.** ³⁴**He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds.** Then he lifted him onto his donkey, led him to an inn, and made him comfortable. ³⁵In the morning he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, "Take good care of him. If it costs any more, put it on my bill--I'll pay you on my way back."

³⁶"What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?"

³⁷"The one who treated him kindly," the religion scholar responded. Jesus said, "Go and do the same."

Scripture

Romans 13:9-12 " The law code--don't sleep with another person's spouse, don't take someone's life, don't take what isn't yours, don't always be wanting what you don't have, and any other "don't" you can think of--finally adds up to this: **Love other people as well as you do yourself.** ¹⁰**You can't go wrong when you love others. When you add up everything in the law code, the sum total is love.**

¹¹But make sure that you don't get so absorbed and exhausted in taking care of all your day-by-day obligations that you lose track of the time and doze off, oblivious to God.

¹²The night is about over, dawn is about to break. Be up and awake to what God is doing! God is putting the finishing touches on the salvation work he began when we first believed."

Discussion Questions

1. Can you force people to love other people? Why?

2. If you do not like someone do you

- a. Pray that God will change you attitude.
- b. Hope they die.
- c. Pretend to be nice to them.
- d. Never speak to them.
- e. Gossip about them.
- f. Try to be a friend.
- g. Let them know that they are not wanted.

3. If you had a new person comes along, what are some ways you can make them welcome?

Romans 13:13-14 "So behave properly, as people do in the day. Don't go to wild parties or get drunk or be vulgar or indecent. Don't quarrel or be jealous. 14Let the Lord Jesus Christ be as near to you as the clothes you wear. Then you won't try to satisfy your selfish desires."

4. "Being good, does not mean that you would care for someone." What do you think this means?

5. Why is getting drunk unloving to others?

6. What are some ways that you can be more like Jesus?

7. What are some bad attitudes that you would like to stop?

8. How can you get rid of these bad attitudes and actions?

WRAP UP & PRAYER