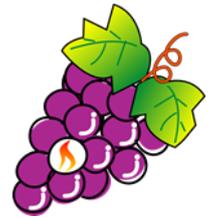




## LIFE GROUP SESSION

### Week Beginning: 3rd July 2022



#### Aim of session:

What might God want to say to the group?

What is love and why it is essential for the Church to be known by love?

#### Key Scriptures

If you have access to a commentary read some background to get context.

**Romans 13:8-14**

#### Warm Up

How do you feel when you hear the phrase

**“love is love” ?**

What is love? How do you see it? How does your neighbour see it?

#### Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.

1. In v 8 it mentions a debt of love; How can you owe love? What does it mean?
2. The wider, secular society would struggle to understand and accept the teaching in v9-10. Why do you think this is so? What other “law” are they following?
3. V 11 is a “wake up call”, but for what? What do you understand by the ‘present time’?
4. Read v 12; Are you looking forward to the daytime? Why?
5. What does it mean to be clothed in the Lord Jesus? How does it compare to the description of society in v13?

#### Growing in discipleship: Practical application

6. What is the hardest part for you about loving your neighbour?
7. Paul wants the church to be known by love, how can we do this?
8. Read v14. How do we “clothe” ourselves in the Lord Jesus?
9. Why is it such a challenge for us to stop thinking about “how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature”?
10. Paul calls us to make a choice to be loving and pure in v14. Why is it so important that we make that choice? ( think back to v 11)



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.