

Your First Love Impacts How you love!

False First Loves – 1John 2:15; 1Tim 6:10; 1John 5:21

Love is.... 1Cor 13 -- Love is action....

The Four Loves of Scripture.

Storge – Parent for a child

Phileo – Friends

Eros – Passion/Romantic

Agapeo – love from God – unconditional mercy /love of God.

1John 4:19 – We Love because He first loved us.

God loved us first.

- Created you.
- Redeemed you.
- Leads your life.

Why did the Lord love us first?

God loved us first so we can love Him. Romans 3:10-12; 1John 5:1-4

God loved us first so we can love Others. John 13:35; 1 Peter 4:8

- God loved us first so we can love one another. 1John 4:20-21
- The example of Philemon (Philemon 1:5, 7)

God loved us first so we can love our Neighbours. Luke 10:27

- So easy to label and be critical of others.
- Who does Jesus love? Everyone from A-Z

- People can be outside of God's will but still not outside of his saving grace.

God loved us first so we can love our Enemies. Matt 5:43-45

Remember Your First Love.... Rev 2:4-7 - Remember, Repent, Return and Listen to the Holy Spirit.

How would Jesus love? HWJL

Life Group Questions

1. *What are some additional ``false loves`` that people find themselves “falling in love” with that substitute for the Love of God through Christ?*
2. *What happens personally when you experience the true love of God through the gospel of Jesus Christ?*
3. *How does the truth that God loved us first impact you personally?*
4. *We tend to label others. In what ways does Jesus break through the labelling of others? Give a couple of scriptural examples where Jesus breaks through the labels people are given to demonstrate true love.*
5. *Reread Romans 3:10-12 and 1John 5:1-4. Why is the love of God given to us through Jesus Christ?*
6. *Who are our neighbours? How are we to reach out to care for those who are close to us?*
7. *Pray right now for one of your neighbours. Do you need to apologize for your attitudes or get things right with them?*
8. *Jesus goes even further for us to love our enemies. What did Jesus say on the cross to show his love for his enemies? How does this impact our view of those who oppose us?*
9. *Reread Revelation 2:4-7. What is the point Jesus is making to the church at Ephesus? How does this impact us as a local church? What does this mean for us in our personal lives regarding our first love?*