

## **All day. Every day. Week 7 – Discussion Questions**

**Starter question:** Name a movie you've watched multiple times.

**Summary of talk:** One goal of the Christian life is mature love. Jesus showed us that true spirituality included loving God and loving others – and loving them well. Becoming emotionally mature (and therefore loving others maturely) requires learning, practicing, and integrating such skills as speaking respectfully, listening to understand, and resolving conflict.

### **Questions:**

1. The scriptures read, "Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God...anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love." 1 John 4:7-8. Why do you think John ties so tightly the love of God and the love of people?
2. After listening to the talks in this series, what are attitudes and behaviors that show emotional maturity in relationships?
3. At the root of most conflict is unmet expectations. Think of a time you were upset or disappointed (with a spouse, parent, child, boss, coworker, friend, neighbor) and at the root will be, you expected them to do something or not do something. You wanted them to behave in a certain way. What are mature ways to manage expectations in relationships?
4. Jesus said, "God blesses those who work for peace." Notice he said, "work for peace" not keep the peace. What is the difference? Give an example of when you worked for peace, and it turned out well (or even just okay)?
5. Discuss what this verse means. "No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us." 1 John 4:12 (It will be helpful to read it in the context of the whole chapter).
6. What did you most need to hear from this week's talk?

**Prayer:** Father God, you loved me before I surrendered my life to you. Use me to love others the way You love me. In Jesus name, Amen.