

10-WEEK STUDY

ON THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

WEEK 2
GALATIANS 5:22-23
JOHN 13:34



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WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: Galatians 5:22-23

Secondary text from this week: John 13:34, Matthew 5:43-44, 1 John 4:9-11

GETTING STARTED

Goals for this session: To understand what Jesus taught us and showed us about the real meaning of love

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: Confession time: Did you ever tell a boy or a girl you like them in a note?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that resonated with you as you listened to Pastor Doug's message?
2. Jesus called His command in **John 13:34** a "new command." What do you think He meant by that? When you read **Galatians 5:14**, how do you think Paul understood Jesus' new command in **John 13:34**?
3. Pastor Doug talked about the fact that most of us have been taught by life experience to "love people **the way they love you.**" Have you found that to be true? Explain.

Do you think Jesus' command that, "**as I have loved you**, so you should love others," is a scary command for us to follow? What kind of example did Jesus set for His followers?
4. Read **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**. What similarities do you notice between that passage and Paul's *Fruit of the Spirit* in **Galatians 5:22-23**? Why do you think there is overlap between the two?
5. Read **Romans 5:8**. What's the difference between God telling us He loves us and God showing us He loves us?
6. Pastor Doug said at the end of the message that "**loved people love people.**" Do you agree or disagree with that? Why or why not? How might regularly reflecting on God's love amplify your love for others?



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PRAY

Pray on your own: Ask God to reveal His love for you in a powerful new way.

ACTION STEPS

Write out the words of **1 John 4:9-11** (maybe even make it a family project and decorate it) and read it and reflect on it every day. Remember that **loved people love people**, and reflecting on God's love **for you** will allow His love to flow **through you**.

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