

## WEEK 9 – DAILY LOVE

### *1 Thessalonians 4:9-12*

1. LOVE NEEDS TO BE LEARNED
2. LOVE NEEDS TO BE PRACTICED
3. LOVE BREAKS DOWN BARRIERS

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of the teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. **ICEBREAKER:** This week we get to talk about love. We probably don't all have the exact same ideas about what love is. We also probably don't all have the same ideas about what makes for "good" music. On that note, what's your favorite love song and why?
3. The first main idea this week was that "Love needs to be learned." How was love described or shown to you in the house you grew up in? How do you typically describe love now that you are an adult? What are some similarities and/or differences between your definition of love and how our culture describes love?
4. Jesus isn't just a good example of how to love. He's the definition of what love really is. How would you describe the love of Jesus? What are some ways you've experienced this love in your own life?
5. "Love needs to be practiced". This means that love is not only learned, it's lived out in our daily lives. The three ways 1 Thess. 4:9-12 describes this daily love are "to seek to lead a quiet life, mind your own business and work with your own hands." Which of these areas would you say you are pretty good at? Which one do you have the most opportunity to grow in?
6. The final idea this week was that "Love breaks down barriers." How would you describe your current reputation among people who don't believe what you believe? What sort of reputation would you like to have? What do you think needs to change in order to make that a reality?
7. In 1 Thess. 4:12 we see the phrase "walking properly in the presence of outsiders." This idea implies that Christians should have close connections and relationships with people who don't share their beliefs. Why do you think Christians have a tendency to isolate from "the world"? What are some practical ways that we as individuals can be more present and involved in our local communities?
8. Why do you think God cares so much about what "outsiders" think of the way Christians live?