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What Stands Out to Me about Love

LOVE INVENTORY

Begin the exercise with a short time of prayer. Ask that God would speak to you and reveal truth to you about the way you love others. Thank Him for the love that He has shown you.

Look over the list of names on the youth group roster or reflect on the group photo before answering questions in the inventory. In addition to the names provided, are there any others that you may want to write down? Teachers, coaches, teammates, classmates, etc.?

Complete the Personal Love Inventory below, carefully considering each question as well as the names on the roster.

Before coming back together, close out your time in prayer. Pray that the Holy Spirit would transform you and the way you love others. Pray that you would love others better starting this very day!

Carefully read and ponder each of the questions below. Prayerfully consider if God is convicting your heart and moving you to action (seeking forgiveness). If there is a specific person that God puts on your heart for a specific question, consider writing their name down and what reconciliation looks like in that case.

Have you ever hoped that someone would fail or lose? Have you ever enjoyed watching someone fail?

Have you ever intentionally hurt someone or hoped that someone would be hurt (emotionally or physically)?

Have you ever been happy to see someone hurting?

Have you ever been jealous of another person's success, abilities, friends, or possessions?

Have you ever made fun of someone or put someone else down?

Have you ever put someone down to make yourself look better or feel better?

Have you passed on gossip about a person?

Are you hanging on to any unforgiveness, bitterness, or resentment toward another person?

Have you ever compared yourself to someone else and felt that you were better than him or her?

Take a moment to think about your group.

Are there any attitudes or actions that need to change in order for your group to love others better? If so, what? What are you going to do about it?

What are some practical ways your group can show each other love?



SESSION 7 SCRIPTURE SHEET



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1 John 4:7-12

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

- ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.
- ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.
- ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.
- ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
- ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.