

CHANGING POWER

1 John 3:16-24

PODS Small Group

Discussion Questions

Read 1 John 3:16-24 out loud.

1. Jesus said, "Love one another just as I have loved you." That phrase closes every loophole. What conditions do we tend to place on our love? What would it look like to remove one of them this week?
2. Love without truth becomes sentimental. Truth without love becomes brutal. Which do we lean toward; being too soft on truth or too hard on people? What would the balance look like?
3. Most of us won't die for someone this week but we will be inconvenienced. Where does love cost us something? Where might God be calling us to lay something down?
4. Love isn't defined by feelings; it's defined by action. Think of someone difficult to love. What is one specific act of love you could offer them this week regardless of how you feel?
5. Roman critics once said of the early church, "See how they love one another." Would the people closest to you (family, coworkers, neighbors) describe you as someone marked by love? What needs to change? How is our church marked by love?
6. John says the proof of God's love changing us shows up in sacrifice, generosity, action and confidence. What evidence of growth can you point to in your own life right now? Where do you feel stuck and what might love have to do with it?