

LOVE

MONTH 1 OF EPIC PURPOSE

EPIC LOVE

▶ EQUIP WEEK



WELCOME

Welcome to First Priority! Let's play a game.



TEACH

Today is **Equip Week** where we are teaching and having conversations about ways that Jesus embodied **love**. Let's pray before we get started.

Jesus showed us that love was the central focus of His ministry and should be for us too. Love is something that is very important to all of us. Let's read through some things that Jesus said about love.

Matthew 22:37-39 says, "Jesus replied, You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself."

Luke 6:35 says "Love your enemies! Do good to them."

Jesus loved people and invited them to be a part of God's family no matter who they were.

Let's look at three main reasons that Jesus loved everyone:

- All people are created by God to love and be loved.
- Love changes everyone who experiences it.
- We have all experienced brokenness in our lives. Love will rescue us, redeem us, and heal the brokenness in our lives.

Big Idea: Our purpose is to be Good News by the way we love.

For this section, get into groups of 3-5 and go through the discussion questions, challenge, Bible Project video, and pray together.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What does it mean to you that Jesus loved everyone?
- Are there any people that you have a hard time loving?
- How would it change your peer group if love became the central focus of everyone's life?
- In what ways are you displaying the Good News of Jesus by the way you love others?

CHALLENGE

Think of someone in your life that needs to know how much they are loved. This could be someone you are close to, or someone you don't know very well that is going through a difficult time. This could even be someone that you consider an "enemy." How could you show them God's love by the way that you love them and treat them?

Scan the QR code for a short video about how Jesus embodied **love**.



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Invite everyone to pray as we close.

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PREPARE WEEK

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Today is **Prepare Week** where we are sharing our stories about **love**. Let's pray to get started.

Jesus valued people's stories. He helped everyone know the truth about their identity. They are welcomed, loved, and accepted unconditionally through Jesus. We want to hear your stories!



STORY QUESTIONS

- What are some fun facts about you?
- What is one of the struggles in your story?
- When did you find out that God loves you through your struggles?
- Is there anything you need help with right now?



CHALLENGE

Now we're going to open up time for everyone to share their stories. Everyone is welcome to share with a leader, friend, or the whole group - so if you would like to, go for it!

Scan this QR code for an app called MySharePal that will help you share your story and ask others questions about their stories.

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INVITE WEEK

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Hi, everyone. Welcome to First Priority! Let's play a game.



TEACH

Today is **Invite Week** where we are teaching and having conversations about how **love** is Good News. Let's pray before we get started.

John 3:16-17 says "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

We have been talking about how Jesus loved people unconditionally. All people are created by God to love and be loved. Love changes everyone who experiences it. Love rescues us, redeems, and heals the brokenness in our lives.

We have all experienced the opposite of love, such as hatred. Some of us may have been hurt by the unloving words and actions of others. We may have even made the mistake of hurting others in some way. These things can make us feel guilty, ashamed and worthless. But the Gospel changes everything.

The Gospel is a public, royal announcement about Jesus, Who lived, died, and was raised to life to be the King that we so desperately need. All who believe in Him receive forgiveness, new life, and hope for the future. Jesus is making all things new, setting right what is wrong, and bringing Good News to everyone who receives it. You are invited to believe this Good News and follow Jesus.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What are your thoughts about the love of God?
- What does the death of Jesus mean to you?
- What do you think the impact could be of Jesus rising from the dead?



CHALLENGE

Scan this QR code to watch a video about the story of Jesus' Good News.



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Today is Connect Week where we are teaching and having conversations about connecting with God and others. Let's pray before we get started.

We are going to look at one or more situations where Jesus loved others.

Matthew 12:46-50 "As Jesus was speaking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. Someone told Jesus, Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, and they want to speak to you. Jesus asked, Who is my mother? Who are my brothers? Then he pointed to his disciples and said, Look, these are my mother and brothers. Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother!"

Jesus invited thousands of people to follow Him. Even today, there are people from different nations, families, career paths, and all walks of life who follow Jesus and find community and friendship together. Jesus considered everyone family.

Maybe you have had a hard time finding friends or community. If you would like help finding a place to connect, you can talk to me or any of the leaders here.

Give anyone who would like the opportunity to share about upcoming events at their youth group.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How can we help you get more connected to Christ?
- How can we help you get more connected to our FP Club?
- How can we help you get more connected to a youth group?



CHALLENGE

Below is a QR code you can scan to start a YouVersion app plan by First Priority. Today's challenge is to complete this study on your own or with a friend. It is a great way to help a friend who is curious about faith, help a new follower of Jesus take next steps, and help you go deeper in your own faith.



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Does anyone have any prayer requests? Invite everyone to pray for prayer requests to close.