

Title: I Want to Know What Love Is: Sacrificial Love

Text: Romans 5:1-11, Ephesians 5:1-2

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WARM-UP QUESTIONS:

1. Christian author, Gary Chapman, developed the concept of “5 Love Languages”. They are acts of service, gifts received, physical touch, quality time, words of affirmation. What is your preferred love language?
2. Describe an experience when you felt loved by God. Since God is not physically present, how did you sense this love?
3. When did you most recently receive sacrificial love from another person?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Read Romans 5:1-11. How does Paul describe our past relationship with God? What brought about reconciliation and restoration?
2. How is God’s sacrificial love expressed? What are the characteristics of this love? Why was this necessary?
3. How did Jesus love us sacrificially through both his death and life?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. Reflecting on Ephesians 5:1-2, what does it mean to walk in the way of love? What opportunity might you have this week to do so with your family, your co-workers or neighbors?
2. What minority community can you show sacrificial love this week? How can your small group work together toward a specific, concrete action?
3. As we conclude this sermon series, what biblical image of God’s love has been most important to you during these past two months: protector, provider, companion/friend, teacher, sacrifice.