

# The Life Challenge

*I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10*

Series: Love One Another  
Title: Dare to be Devoted  
Key Text: Romans 12:9-10  
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## WARM - UP

What do you think about love? Biblically it's the most powerful force in the world because God is love, but what does this really mean to our day to day lives? Does love shape our everyday life? If so, how? What are some disconnects with you around the concept of love?

## DISCUSSION

Read the passage from Romans 12:9-10.

In addition read a selection of supporting text such as:

John 13:34-35; 15:17; Acts 4:32; Gal. 5:6-7; Eph. 4:1-2; Col. 1:4;

1 Thes. 4:9; 2 Thes. 1:3; Heb. 13:1-2; 1 Peter 1:22, 2:17, 3:8;

1 John 2:9-11; 3:10-11; 4:11-12; 5:1-2

What stands out in all of these passages? Is there a main theme and why is it mentioned so many times?

## DISCUSSION CONTD.

What are the benefits of a life of devotion to others? What have been some of your greatest moments of joy as you've devoted love to others?

*Hint: in the sermon some of them strengthen bonds, and transform your life, a healthier life emotionally, spiritually, and physically. What are other values?*

What are some of the risks or challenges in devotion? How do we create safe boundaries when loving others gets hard?

How do we limit God with our approach to devotion?

Read Eph 3:20-21

What role does forgiveness play in healthy devotion?

## APPLICATION

What has God shown you or remind you of through this conversation? Are there areas where he wants you to press in more (or maybe back off if things are unsafe)? What is an action point you feel you want to take in this area? Share with the group and pray for each other.