

# The Life Challenge

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

Series: Love One Another

Title: It's All About Love

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## WARM - UP

Have members of your group share a highlight of their summer. Encourage them to include a spiritual highlight.

Peter Scazero suggests that we "No longer measure our love of God by the degree to which we love others." Do you agree with his critique? Why/Why not? What might some of the reason be that we silo our love for God separating it from loving others?

## DISCUSSION

What would have been some of the customs/traditions that would have made it difficult for Jewish Christians to love Gentile Christians?

Did/do you find it hard to love your physical brothers and sisters? How did your relationships change as you aged? In terms of loving each other in the church family does it help to think of church members as actual brothers and sisters?

How does the introduction of agape love change how we should relate to each other? (vs. 22).

## DISCUSSION

What is the source or foundation that enables us to love deeply from the heart?

Is there a vice in Peter's list in 2:1 that is a particular trap for you? What are the tools available to help us overcome these vices?

Read Christ's command in John 13:34 & 35. Why is our love for one another such a powerful witness?

## APPLICATION

What are some of the tangible ways that we can demonstrate love for one another in the church family? Your neighbourhood? Your family?

Is there a particular act of love that the Spirit is nudging you to perform in the coming week?