



Life Group Discussion Guide Week 4 9/28/25

Message Summary: The sermon, by Elisabeth Lectka, emphasizes that while culture changes, Jesus Christ remains constant, and Christians are called to navigate these changes by embodying Christ's love. The sermon highlights the 2010s as a decade marked by division, influenced by social media, political polarization, and cultural movements. It challenges the church to love actively, as Jesus did, across racial, political, religious, and socioeconomic divides. The sermon draws on Jesus' example of agape love, which is active and selfless, demonstrated through His interactions with diverse groups and individuals. It warns against allowing cultural divisions to infiltrate the church and stresses the importance of being formed by Christ rather than the digital world. The sermon also addresses the deconstruction movement, urging the church to respond with love and understanding. Ultimately, the sermon calls Christians to be intentional in their spiritual formation, to love one another without qualifiers, and to let their love be a witness to the world. It concludes with a call to trust God and step into uncomfortable places, following Jesus' example of love that transcends all barriers.

Conversation Starter: Share your favorite memories of the 2010's!

Prayer:

Open our hearts to Your word, Your truth, and Your direction.

Read the passage together:

John 13

3-Question Study Method

Use this method to discuss the passage

1. What is the passage about?
2. What lesson do I learn?
3. How will I apply this to my life?

Discussion Questions:

- How do you see the cultural trends of the 2010s influencing your daily life and faith today? Can you identify specific areas where these trends have impacted your spiritual journey?
- The sermon emphasizes "agape" love. How do you understand this type of love, and how can we actively demonstrate it in our relationships within the church and beyond?
- What examples of Jesus loving across divides (racial, political, religious, socioeconomic) can you name from Scripture? Which example would you say resonates most with you, and why?
- The sermon mentions how cultural divisions can leak into the church. Have you experienced this, and how can we work to prevent it?
- What are your thoughts on the deconstruction movement mentioned in the sermon? How can the church respond to those questioning their faith in a loving and supportive way?
- How does your engagement with digital media affect your spiritual life? What steps can you take to ensure that Christ, rather than digital influences, is forming you?
- Jesus commands us to love one another without qualifiers. What challenges do you face in loving fellow believers who may differ from you in significant ways?
- The sermon states that our love in action is a witness to Christ. Can you share a time when you saw this in action, either in your life or someone else's?
- The sermon challenges us to step out of our comfort zones to love like Jesus. What practical steps can you take to love across divides in your community?

Closing Prayer: Heavenly Father, We come before You with hearts open to Your transformative love. In a world filled with noise and division, we ask for Your guidance to be formed by Your Spirit alone. Help us to love as Jesus loved, crossing every divide with grace and compassion. May we be bold in stepping out of our comfort zones, trusting that You will meet us in the deep waters. Let our lives be a testament to Your enduring love, so that all may know we are Your disciples. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.