

TALK IT OVER

The Call:

To Be Loved

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1. Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group or use one of these.

What's something in your life that makes you feel deeply loved and secure - like strong roots holding you steady?

2. Start thinking and sharing.

"I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power...to grasp how WIDE and LONG and HIGH and DEEP is the love of Christ."

Ephesians 3:17b-18 NIV

"(Jesus) included everyone in His death so that everyone could also be included in His life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own."

2 Corinthians 5:15b MSG

- Paul prays that believers would be rooted and grounded in love in order to grasp the extent of Christ's love. What do you think Paul means by using these dimensions?
- Jesus' resurrection life promises a better life than we could have lived on our own. How might these verses (truth) help us experience God's love in a deeper way?

"I know the your (God's) love will last for all time, that your faithfulness is as permanent as the sky."

Psalms 89:2 GNT

- How does knowing God's love and faithfulness are unshakable give you confidence in your daily life?

"Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:39 NIV

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2. Start thinking and sharing. (Continued)

- Have you ever faced a time when you wondered if God's love had left you? How does this verse speak into that experience?

3. Start praying. Be bold and praise our Lord.

The eternal God is your refuge, and His everlasting arms are under you.

Deuteronomy 33:27a NLT

Dear Father God, Thank You for showing me what true love is – thank you for sending Your Son as a sacrifice for my sins. Please deepen my understanding of this love, so that it moves from my head knowledge to my heart- which belongs to You. Help me to live as people who reflect Your love to others. May my life be a testimony that Your love, patience, kindness and mercy is alive in me. In the one true and living Savior, Jesus, Amen.

Leader: Make time to pray for and with each other. Break into groups of three and take time to pray for each other. This is important!

4. Start doing.

Reflection for this week:

If God's love was proven at the cross, how am I proving His love in my daily life?

"God showed how much He loved us by sending His only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is real love - not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins."

1 John 4:9-10 NLT