

# GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

## Jackpot - *The Amazing Benefits Found in Jesus*

Week : Love

Romans 5:5-8

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Our scripture celebrates the experience of basking in God's love for us.

**Kicking It Off:** Jeff started the sermon by dissecting a flower. What is the largest specimen that you remember dissecting back in school. How was the experience?

### Discussion:

1. Reread Romans 5:5 *God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.*

Why do many Christians struggle to believe that God loves them?

2. Many of those who believe that God loves them struggle to experience the outpouring of God's love into their hearts. Why is this so challenging?
3. What practical advice would you give to someone desiring to experience God's love for them?
4. In Romans 5:5 (see above), we are told that the outpouring of God's love into our hearts comes through the Holy Spirit. Why is the role of Holy Spirit significant to those who believe that they can't experience God's love due to "temperament" or "home of origin" reasons.
5. Reread Romans 5:8 *God demonstrates his love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Why is the cross of Christ the ultimate proof of God's love?

6. Jeff observed that in Romans 5:8 (see above), the verb "died" is past tense, while the verb "demonstrates" is present tense. What is the significance of this observation?
7. God conveys His love through four Old Testament metaphors. Which of the following do you find most compelling?
  - *"As a groom rejoices over his bride, so God rejoices over you!" Isaiah 62:5*
  - *"As a father loves his children, so the Lord loves you!" Psalm 103:13*
  - *"You are my priceless treasure!" Exodus 19:5*
  - *"God's love for you is as great as the distance stars are above the earth!" Psalm 103:11*

### Wrapping It Up:

In 2 Thessalonians 3:5, Paul offers this powerful prayer, *"May God direct your heart into his love."* Spend some time praying for each other along the lines of Paul's prayer.