

Share Life with People
Hebrews 13:1-4; 20-21

Directions: These questions will help you “dig deeper” into the sermon message. You can choose to do these on your own, with a friend, or together with your group. If you are doing these on your own, you can record your responses in a journal. You could consider grabbing a friend (or two!) and go through these together. Share your responses to not only encourage each other, but also to help keep each other accountable.

When discussing these questions as a group, leaders should encourage group members to look at these questions ahead of time, so they come prepared for group discussion. Consider which questions will work best for your group. Don't feel you need to ask every question. Encourage everyone to share. Each week, encourage members to share stories of how they personally put into practice what they learned.

Getting Started Questions:

1. What prevents you from spending quality time with other people?
2. Pastor Dave started by asking two questions: how would you describe the depth of your relationships? Consider your Christian and non-Christian relationships. Are there any differences?

Digging Deeper Questions:

3. **Read John 21:15-17:** In addition to “Phileo,” the Greeks used separate words to describe the different meanings of love: Agape, Eros, and Storge. Why is it important to know the correct meaning being used in a passage?
4. There are many scenes in Scripture that happen around a table or around a meal. Give 5 instances that can be found in Scripture which center around a meal. In each example, describe what made the event significant. Since we eat with others every day, what makes our times with others around a table significant as well?
5. **Read Galatians 6:10:** “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Why is love for your spiritual family difficult at times? Do we need to show more love to believers or to unbelievers? How does our expectation of people relate to how much love we believe that we should show them?
6. **Read Luke 10:30-37:** How should Christians show hospitality to strangers when violence is always a possibility? What are the benefits of taking risks? What would you expect a Christian to do that you wouldn't expect an unbeliever to do?
7. **Read Hebrews 13:3:** Who do you know that is mistreated or suffering? There can be a tendency not to show love to some people because we believe they get what they deserve or because it takes effort to be involved. Pastor Dave used the phrase “Love means showing up.” How do we overcome the obstacles so that we can “show up?” Listen (or search for the lyrics) of Steve Camp's song “Don't Tell Them Jesus Loves Them.” Why do we expect that loving other people should be convenient for us?

Putting It Into Practice:

8. We tend to focus our time and decision-making responsibilities on choosing the “good” over the “evil”. What are some things in your day-to-day life that you choose which aren’t evil, but that you know you could choose wiser, especially when it comes to relationships? What is ONE choice you will make in the week ahead to turn outward and love others?
9. Dr. Gary Chapman identifies five ways that we give and receive love: Acts of service; receiving gifts; quality time; words of affirmation; physical touch. He calls them our “love language”. What are your spouse’s or your friend’s love language(s)? Are they able to tell what yours are?
10. What are ways that you can honor your spouse? Your parents? Your children? Your friend?