



## **Ephesians 5:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children <sup>2</sup> and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**Love, Sex & Dating**  
**What Does Love Have to Do with It?**  
**Ephesians 5:1-2**  
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**Date: 7/7/2024**

**Reasons Why Relating in Love Is So Difficult These Days**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ hurts
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ temptations
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ anxieties

**The Big Idea**

God changes us to \_\_\_\_\_ like the type of loving person we'd like to \_\_\_\_\_ with.

We'd Like to Be, and Be with, Somebody Who Is...

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ in God's love.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ to God's loving character.
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ to love God and others.
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ lovely to God and others.

**Applying It to My Life**

- \_\_\_\_\_ a loving person by following Jesus
- \_\_\_\_\_ with loving people who follow Jesus
- \_\_\_\_\_ lost people to lead them to follow Jesus

# LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of July 7-13

Ephesians 5:1-2

## GETTING STARTED

1. What is your favorite love song?

## SERMON OVERVIEW

2. Think back to the sermon. Was there an idea or expression that spoke to you, or was there anything said that challenged or confused you?

## DIGGING IN

Read Ephesians 5:1-2

3. How would you describe what love is based upon according to these verses?
4. How does recognizing ourselves as "dearly loved children" impact our ability to love others? Why is it difficult for us to believe we are loved by God?
5. How does the world's definition of love, sex, and dating differ from the biblical definition found in this passage?
6. According to verse 2, how did Christ demonstrate His love for us?
7. Why is it essential to align our understanding and practice of love, sex, and dating with God's Word?
8. How should Ephesians 5:1-2 guide us in our dating relationships? If you are married, how should it guide your marriage?
9. What characteristics of Christ's love should we strive to live out in our dating/marriage relationship?

## APPLYING IT

10. Take a moment to reflect on your relationships. Are there areas where you need to align your actions more with the sacrificial love demonstrated by Christ?
11. Identify one specific way to show sacrificial love to someone in your life this week.

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## LIFEHOUSE HIGHLIGHTS

**Coffee Connect with a Lifehouse Pastor!** Today after service for 15 minutes in the Coffeehouse. Enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee or your preferred caffeinated beverage while you engage with one of our pastors in a casual and friendly setting.

**Sports and Performing Arts Kids Camp:** July 22-26, from 9am —2pm. Camps includes arts & crafts, water games, and then EITHER dance/theater or sports. Cost \$75 for 1st—8th grade students. Sign up @ [TheLifehouseChurch.com/events](https://TheLifehouseChurch.com/events).

**Student Ministry Wednesday Gathering:** 6:30-8:00pm in the Student Room. 6th-8th and 9th-12th graders; come and join in the games, worship, and lessons.

**Middle School Sunday Service:** 9:30am in the Student Room. 6th through 8th graders; come and join the fun!

**Young Adults:** Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm at the Vasquez home. For more information, contact [CJ@TheLifehouseChurch.com](mailto:CJ@TheLifehouseChurch.com).

**AA Recovery Group "Grace Abounds:"** Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30pm in the Coffeehouse.

**Men's Retreat:** This multi-church Men's Retreat is an opportunity for fellowship, teaching, encouragement, and spiritual growth while learning from a professional speaker and bonding with other men. Dates: September 20–22, 2024. Cost \$229.



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