

**INTRODUCTION**

In the late 1800's, Samuel Trevor Francis penned these words which became a beloved hymn: *O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free! Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me! Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love leading onward, leading homeward to Thy glorious rest above!* Have you experienced the full extent of God's love? Have you shown that love to others?

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. On a scale of 1-10 (10 being the highest), how much do you think God loves you? Why did you answer the way that you did?
2. How does our culture define love? Did your view of love change after you came to know Christ?
3. Read the following passages and share what you learn about God's love:

Psalm 103:11 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 136:1-3 \_\_\_\_\_

Zephaniah 3:17 \_\_\_\_\_

John 13:34-35 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 5:8 \_\_\_\_\_

I John 4:16 \_\_\_\_\_

4. Read Ephesians 3:14-19. Do you think it is possible to understand how wide, long, high, and deep God's love is? Why or why not? Is there something that keeps you from fully experiencing God's love?
5. Read Romans 8:35-39. If nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ, why do we often feel that He does not love us?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14, Colossians 3:12-15, and 1 John 4:7. How can we demonstrate God's love for us?

**APPLICATION**

Pick one of the qualities listed in Colossians 3:12-15 that you need to work on, and tell God you are willing for Him to develop this characteristic of Christ in you. Ask your group to pray for this need in your life.

**SCRIPTURE**

*“For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”*

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