

Fruit of the Spirit

Pursue Love

Welcome/Prayer

IceBreaker

Secret Identity (aka, Who's On My Back?)

Have everyone secretly write down the name of a person on a small piece of paper or a sticker. It has to be a person that everyone in the room would know about - a famous historical figure, an actor or sports celebrity, or a popular politician. Then have them tape the name on the back of the person on their left.

Everyone goes around and asks people yes or no questions about who is on their back. They can only ask each person one question. The person who can do it in the least number of questions wins.

Discussion

Scripture: John 3:16, 13:35; Romans 5:5; 1 Corinthians 13:13, 14:1a; Galatians 5:6; Ephesians 2:4-7; Colossians 3:12-14

- As you meditated this week on Galatians 5:22-26, what did you notice? What stood out in these passages? When you think about and read about love what images come to mind?
- What is the difference between how the “world” defines love and God’s definition of love?
 - When we think about “love” what comes to mind?
- Where can you see God’s love in action within Scripture? (be specific)
 - What do these actions tell us about God’s love?
- What should our response be to God’s love? (Colossians 3:12-14)
- (1 Cor. 14:1a) What type of love is Paul calling us to pursue?
 - Why does Paul call love “the greatest of these”? (1 Corinthians 13:13)
- Is it possible for us to love in the same way God loves us? (1 John 4:19-21)
 - Why is it important to emulate this love? (1 John 4:8)
 - What does this type of love look like in our lives?
- What must we do to allow God’s love to become ruler of our life?
- How will others be able to see this difference in our lives and the life of the congregation?

Take it With You Question

This week take time to look at your own life. How much time are you devoting to worrying about your concerns and agendas? Begin this week by asking God to give you His heart and His eyes to love those around you.

Closing:

Final Prayer