Love One Another

Key Passages: John 13:34-35, 1 John 4:7-12, Romans 12:9-10

BELONG

Ice Breaker Question: If you could give a "love advice" fortune cookie to your past self, what would it say?

Leader Notes: Our fortune cookies often focused on personal growth and relationship advice. David Nassar's sermon reminded us that "to love one another" is about something bigger than just our own happiness. It's about a love that's selfless, sacrificial, and transformative. Let's examine some biblical principals can help us live it out.

BELIEVE

- Read John 13:34-35. What does it mean to love others "as Jesus loved us"? Leader Notes: Jesus made it clear that loving others is not optional—it is the defining mark of a true disciple. Guide the discussion toward selflessness, sacrifice, and serving others. Jesus loved with action, not just words. Loving like Him means putting others before ourselves.
- 2. **Read 1 John 4:7-8** and **Romans 12:9-10.** How does understanding that "God is love" change the way we treat others? What does it mean to "outdo one another in showing honor"? *Leader Notes: Encourage participants to see love as a reflection of God's nature, not just a feeling. If God is love, then loving others isn't just a good idea—it's how we reflect Him. Focus on the idea of making love a competition in a good way—trying to serve and encourage others more than they serve us. It means putting others first, celebrating their victories, and choosing humility.*
- 3. **Read 1 John 3:18.** Loving one another isn't just about words—it's about action. Here are 4 practical ways to put love into action. Forgive Freely; Serve Generously; Encourage Daily; Love the Unlovable. Which is the hardest for you and why?

Leader Notes: Forgive Freely – Holding grudges poisons our hearts. Love means letting go. Serve Generously – Love puts others first, whether through time, effort, or resources. Encourage Daily – Words have power—use them to lift others up. Love the Unlovable – Jesus loved people who were rejected by society.

BECOME

1. What is one area where you felt God challenging you to grow from David's sermon this week?

Leader Notes: This question isn't about grand gestures, but about specific, tangible steps. Encourage self-reflection—whether in patience, kindness, forgiveness, or humility. Sample Answer: "I need to grow in patience, especially with difficult people."

2. Who is one person God is challenging you to show love to this week? Leader Notes: Consider someone who's been on your heart, or perhaps someone you've been avoiding. Let's be honest and vulnerable, sharing practical ways we can extend God's love this week to someone specifically.