



Discussion Guide for “Love is Not...”

Journey to Love Week 3

We mistake a lot of things for love (like, for instance, the infatuation between Romeo & Juliet). But the reality is that not all that masquerades as love is truly love. How do we spot the impostors masquerading as love so we can avoid them?

Scriptures for Further Reading

[1 John 4:7-19](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week’s sacred reading is [1 John 4:7-19](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. How would you describe love’s power?
2. What would a hopeful person look like?
3. Where do you most often experience courage in your life? What about fear?
4. What is the longest loving relationship you know? What helps them stick it out?
5. The Song of Songs says that ‘Love is as strong as death.’ (8:6) What do you think that means? Do you believe that?

Exercise

Identify an area in your life where you experience fear. Now consider one courageous step you can take this week, to step out in love.