



Discussion Guide for “Divine Love”

Journey to Love Week 6

What keeps us from being more loving? Proverbs has a list of seven things God hates - and God hates them because they're barriers to having more love in our lives. How do we spot these barriers? And what do we do to root them out?

Scriptures for Further Reading

1 John 4:7-11 ; John 3:16-17; John 13:11-15

[click here](#) to read all scriptures

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 [John 3:1-17](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. Have you experienced love from God?
2. Do you believe God is love? Discuss.
3. What needs do you see in the lives of people around you? How could you serve them?
4. How do others (offer to) serve you? Do you receive that as love? Discuss.
5. Nearness to a loving God creates more love in the lives of humans. Agree or disagree? Discuss.
6. What is the most loving relationship you've observed? What are its qualities?

Exercise

Make a list of five persons you've been told you shouldn't love – a grades-school friend, someone in your life, a politician, actor, whomever. Is there something they have in common? Are there good reasons to keep your distance? Next time someone implies that you can't or shouldn't love someone, ask them straight-out: Why is this person not someone I should love?