



NEW TEACHING SERIES

# WHAT YOU CAN DO:

## You Can Love

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Q—Where's the love?

1 Corinthians 13:1,13 (NIV)

**Today's Truth: Love is doing what has already been done.**

Matthew 22:35–40 (NIV)

⇒ **Jesus makes it clear that all the commandments \_\_\_\_\_ on love.**

John 13:34–35 (NIV)

⇒ **The way you have been \_\_\_\_\_ has more to do with who you are than what you were told to believe.**

*But God put his love on the line for us by offering his Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to him. Romans 5:8 (The Message)*

*Anytime the church leverages anything other than love, we go backward, not forward, in our influence. Andy Stanley*

⇒ **When we judge rather than love we lose our \_\_\_\_\_.**

⇒ **If our true \_\_\_\_\_ is love, we are to love them as God wants them to be loved.**

**This Week's Spiritual Practice:** *Create a Love in Action Plan*

I will love \_\_\_\_\_ by doing \_\_\_\_\_.

*This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.*

1 John 4:10–12 (NIV)



## **Study & Discussion for Your Next Small Group**

Theme: *The Love Factor*

**Share Together:** Author Gary Chapman describes 5 types of love languages: Gifts, quality time, words of affirmation, acts of service, physical affection. Which do you prefer to receive? Which one do you prefer to give? How

do you find this a challenge in receiving and giving love?

**Reflect Together:** What impacted you the most from Sunday's message, and how were you able to apply this week's spiritual practice?

**Read Together:** Matthew 22:34-40

**Discuss Together:**

- Why do you think the religious leaders were testing Jesus with this question, "What is the greatest commandment? What do you think their motive was?"
- How have you seen people get hung up on the technicalities of laws over the intent of them?
- Why do you think Jesus responded the way He did? What was He conveying?
- How is there tension in strict obedience versus embracing God's grace?
- Read John 13:34-35. How does love sum up the law, similar to what he said to his disciples? How are we to love according to Jesus?
- How does our love prove we are one of His? Why is this so critical to the mission of Jesus?
- How does our love for God and others guide us in fulfilling what God calls us to do and be?
- What would happen if we obeyed the "law of love" in our marriages, our family, our church and our community?
- In what way are you personally challenged to love in a situation you are currently facing, for which you could use God's help with wisdom and courage?

**Pray Together:** Take time to share how God is answering prayer and pray over the needs in your group.