



# The Four Loves

## Small Group Discussion Questions The First Love: Affection

Welcome to The Four Loves small group experience. I'm so glad that you decided to lead a group of two, four or more. I guarantee that your relationships will grow broader and deeper because you're doing this series WITH other people.

Be sure to read over the Small Group Leader Tips (Small Group Starter Kit) at least a day before your first group meeting.

Since this is your first meeting, take a few minutes to get to know each other (if you don't already). We have provided some Ice Breaker questions in the Small Group Starter Kit to use each week as you begin. Even if your group knows each other well, the ice breaker questions are still fun. This isn't just filler until you get to the deep stuff. As I mention in the video, we need to become experts at small talk so we can get to the big talk.

### Watch the Video: (17 minutes)

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Brainstorm together a list of the ways we use the word love in the English language. I love \_\_\_\_\_ fill in the blank. What does this list tell you about kinds of love that we experience?
2. What is the difference between Gift Love and Need Love and give an example of one of these from your own life?
3. How does affection differ from the other loves? How does it form the basis of every other kind of love?
4. If you're familiar with the New Testament, tell about a situation where Jesus extends affection to others and the impact it had on them.
5. How does affection broaden our minds? Tell about a relationship where extending affection broadened your mind.

6. Tell about a time in your life when you extended affection toward someone that wasn't returned or appreciated. How did you react then? How would you react today?
7. Tell about an experience of affection that you had today (you extended or received it).
8. How could you personally expand affection in your life in the coming week?

**Close:**

End your time with a prayer. Praying together is one of the great privileges of small group life. You could pray a closing prayer for your group if it works for your group.

If praying in a group is new or uncomfortable for you or people in your group, we encourage you to start by praying single sentence prayer like "God, I'm thankful for \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank). Don't worry about how fancy you sound. God isn't looking for eloquence. He just wants honesty. Talk to God like you talk to a friend. Give everyone a chance to pray a single sentence prayer, but don't insist on it. Over time, your group will feel much more comfortable praying together.

Be sure to assign ownership roles to group members (snack coordinator, prayer request recorder, Facebook Group Page)

Send a group picture to 970.578.9836 and #mygroupcrossroadsco on social media (no matter what size your group is).