



# The Four Loves

## Small Group Discussion Questions The Fourth Love: Divine Love

### As you begin:

Spend a few minutes in small talk. Try using another ice breaker question that you received in your Small Group Starter Kit. Here are several other icebreaker questions that came from other leaders.

- Tell something about yourself that others wouldn't know or guess
- If you were an animal, what would you be and why? What is your favorite weather and why?

**Starter Question:** What is one thing that you're learning about love as we've been going through this series?

**VIDEO #4: Watch the video.** (Prior to your meeting, download the video if your internet runs slowly.)

1. There is a kind of love that seeks value in its object and the kind that creates value. What is the difference and give an example of each kind of love?
2. Read 1 John 4:16-19. What is the meaning of the statement, "God is love"? What does that tell you about the nature of God?
3. If you have time read the story in Luke 7:36-50. What is the main point of this story? Who is in your life that you find difficult to love? What keeps us from extending love to people? Tell about a time that you experienced forgiveness from God or another person and how that effected your willingness to forgive or love others.

If you have limited time select one of the following points and discuss it. If you have time for all three—go for it.

### **Point 1) Love means being FOR the one who is loved.**

Give an example of someone who is FOR you. What difference has it made? Or give an example of a time when you were FOR another person. What difference has it made?



## **Point 2) Love delights in and enjoys the one who is loved.**

Give an example of someone who delights in and enjoys you. What difference has it made?

Or give an example of a time when you delighted in or enjoyed another person. What difference has it made?

## **Point 3) Love gives to and serves the one who is loved.**

Give an example of someone who has given to you or served you. What difference has it made?

Or give an example of a time when you gave to or served another person. What difference has it made?

How do you personally experience God's agape love? Tell about a time that you have experienced God's agape love?

**Closing Question:** What has been one of the best parts of The Four Loves series for you? What has been one of the best parts of being in this group over the past four sessions?

### **Before you end:**

1. Plan a celebration event next week—eat some good food (everyone pitches in). Talk about what you've learned.
2. Talk about your next step as a group. Would your group consider doing Passages, the new weekend series that begins Mar. 2-3? A great way to kick off your new group would be to attend the Ash Wednesday service together (March 5, 6:30 – 7:15 pm) and stay for the soup/salad/bread dinner afterwards.
3. We are making short videos for the Passages series along with discussion questions. Passages is a journey through some key stories in the book of Matthew. The Small Group experience will be 5 sessions.
4. Consider expanding your group for Passages. Who do you or your group members know whom you could invite for the series? If you planned a celebration event to end The Four Loves, invite the new people to join you. It would be a great introduction to the group and a great kick off.
5. Please let Dennis know what you're planning to do (danderson@crossroadscolorado.com)

Thanks for doing this series together...and a BIG thanks to those of you who led for the very first time. Way to Go!!

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