



Miracle Grow - WEEK 1 LOVE: Discussion Guide

Touch base - 15 Minutes

Take some time to go around the room and briefly introduce yourselves and share what are you hoping to gain from the study.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Gal 5:22,23

Which fruit of the spirit are you most interested in learning more about through this study and why?

Take it in - 10 Minutes

Play week 1 small group video on DVD or on the website <http://www.tlc.org/miraclegrow>

What insights did you gain from the video, this week's sermon or reading from the book?

Talk it out - 25 to 35 Minutes

- 1) Why do you think love is the first fruit mentioned?

- 2) What does it take for a fruit tree to produce fruit, and what does it take for a Christian to produce fruit?

- 3) What does it take for me to produce the fruit of the spirit in my life? How do you feel about that?

- 4) Read John 13:34-35 and John 15:12, 17

In your own words summarize what these verses are saying:

5) Read 1 John 3:11, 17-18, 23 and 1 John 4:11-12

In your own words summarize what these verses are saying:

6) Why is love central to the core of what it means to be a Christian?

7) What Bible stories illustrate the theme of love?

8) What examples can you give from your own culture context or history that illustrates the power of love to prove the truth of the Gospel, for example, in the reconciling enemies?

9) What evidence is there in your culture of either the presence or the absence of love?

Take it with you - 10 Minutes

We have people in our lives that are hard to love. Why is it difficult for you to love that person? What are some practical ways you can show the fruit of love to that person?(Reflection)

Decide on one specific action you can take this coming week and then pray that God's Spirit will begin to manifest the fruit of love in your life.

Close in Prayer