

## **Baycities Lomita Winter/Spring 2020 Growth Groups**

### **Series: “UNSTUCK” Part 5**

**Theme: “Stuck... On Love”- Week of Feb. 16, 2020**

### **Follow-Up Bible Study and Discussion Questions**

**Summary:** Can you get stuck on love? Sure! The songs all tell us we can! *Addicted To Love, Stuck on You, Can't Buy Me Love...* all sing of the passion for love we all have and desire! But we know that feelings-based love has its major limitations and downfalls. In contrast God's kind of love is supplied by the Holy Spirit and is not self-seeking but lifts up others! Let's get ourselves filled and overflowing with that kind of love!

## **DIGGING DEEPER**

**1. We heard this weekend that God's kind of love is super natural, others-centered and is provided by the Holy Spirit working in us. Read the following verses and discuss the following aspects of this God-given kind of love that now makes living the Jesus life possible.**

### **1 Cor. 13:1-8**

If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. 3 If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing. 4 Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud 5 or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. 6 It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. 7 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. 8 Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever!

- a. Look at verses 1-3. Discuss how not having love but being spiritually smart, gifted and talented is not enough to be effective in the Kingdom of God as Jesus designed us to be?**

**b. Re-read verses 4-8 and discuss the following characteristics of love described in the passages. Discuss how you see these aspects of love contributing to your life as a disciple of Jesus, a marriage partner, a parent, a friend, etc.**

- 1. Verse 4- Love is patient and kind-**
- 2. Verse 4 & 5- Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way-**
- 3. Verse 5- It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged-**
- 4. Verse 6- It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out-**
- 5. Verse 7- Love never gives up-**
- 6. Verse 7-(love) never loses faith-**
- 7. Verse 7- (love) is always hopeful-**
- 8. Verse 7- and (love) endures through every circumstance-**
- 9. Verse 8- Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever!**

### **Wrap-Up Question**

**2. What one aspect of God's kind of Agape (Self-giving, others centered) love do you want more of in your life and why?**