

Freedom Groups Facilitator's Guide

For the "LOVE" Study Guide Part 2, WHAT IS LOVE?

I. Introductions/Ice Breaker: (15 minutes)

Welcome everyone.

Ask how everyone's week was and allow a few minutes for sharing.

Then ask one, two or all of the WARM-UP questions on page one of the LOVE study guide for LESSON 2, WHAT IS LOVE?.

II. The Study: LOVE, lesson 2 (30 minutes)

Share with the group: *"Last week we talked about how acceptance is a key to feeling love. God, as the true definition and source of love, shows us the highest form of love. In doing so, God does not just accept us. Although acceptance is good, God goes way beyond that! God chooses us! True God-like love chooses. Love is a choice.*

We can see the difference between being accepted and being chosen through the analogy of a dinner party. A person can hold a dinner part and can accept various other people coming to it, as one might even accept an unexpected guest. However, to be chosen as the guest of honor at a dinner party means that the dinner party was being held specifically for you. Therefore the one preparing it had you in mind and specifically invited you to it. The meal was prepared for you as the chosen guest. Before you even came to the party, the setting was placed, the food prepared and your arrival was anticipated. You are not just accepted as a guest. You are chosen and invited as THE guest.

This is how God's love is. In love, He chose you. As THE guest He has specially paid for and prepared the dinner with you in mind. Yes, God chose you and prepared the party for you before you ever came. Love is a choice, but it's not only a choice. There is more to it than that as we will see this week."

Facilitate your group's discussion by going through the study guide.

- Start with reading the WORD section
- do section 1, reading the Scripture and question
- do section 2, reading the Scripture and question
- do section 3, reading the Scripture and question

III. Application: (10 minutes)

Go through the APPLICATION section of the study and discuss.

Let your group know that you will be asking them next week how they applied this lesson.

IV. The Challenge and Prayer (5 minutes)

Lead your group in praying using the written PRAYER section as a guide.

Remind them of your next meeting time and place and then dismiss on time.