

## PRAYER

- Pray for each person in your group to have the grace to share God's love to others.

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- Pray in your group that each of you will have meaningful and truth-filled relationships.

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- Ask the Holy Spirit to show you mindsets that tolerate wrongdoing so you can repent of these.

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## Love is Blind

Week 3

Love different.

## NOTES

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## CONNECT

- Do you believe in the saying “Love is blind?” Why? Or why not?
- What is love?
- Tell of a time when you had to confront someone about a wrong thing that he or she did. How did you feel during that time?

## WORD

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

Romans 12:9

## WHAT *What does the Bible say?*

Love is blind. Sometimes when people are “in love” they tend to only see what they want to see, hence they often ignore all the “bad” about their relationship and only focus on the “good.” Is this popular saying biblical? Let us look at some Scriptures and evaluate this expression.

- **Love does not tolerate wrongdoing.**

*Love does not delight in evil . . .*

1 Corinthians 13:6

There is a big difference between loving someone and tolerating his or her wrongdoing. True love does not delight in evil—it confronts sin. When we truly love someone, we do not turn a blind eye towards his or her sin but confront it with God’s Word. Share of a time when you tolerated a wrongdoing of a friend and the consequences that came out of it.

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- **Love takes pleasure in what is true.**

*. . . but rejoices with the truth.*

1 Corinthians 13:6

We often hear the saying, “The truth hurts.” This is true to some extent. In relationships, knowing our limitations can be disappointing. However, when we use this to understand, accept, and love each other despite the differences, it can lead to stronger relationships. The point is, true love does not lie, cheat, or deceive. It rejoices with the truth. How has accepting the truth helped you build a stronger relationship with someone?

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- **Love sees a need and acts upon it.**

*<sup>17</sup>If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?*

*<sup>18</sup>Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.*

1 John 3:17,18

True love goes beyond the self; it sees the needs of others and acts on their behalf. This is an outward expression of God’s love inside of us. It is the love of God that moves us to meet a need. Share of a time when you met a need out of compassion and love for a person. How did you feel after helping him or her?

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## SO WHAT *What is the relevance of the Word to my life?*

- How does being truthful help us become more intimate in our relationships?
- How would speaking the truth in love help in the growth of our relationships?
- What enables us to act and meet a need?

## NOW WHAT *How do I apply the Word to my life?*

- What area in your life do you feel that you still compromise in? How do you plan to deal with this?
- How can you apply speaking the truth out of love this week?
- What one practical and specific thing can you do this week to show God’s love to another person?