



The Invisible Man Participant Guide – July 26, 2020

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.” (1 John 4:7-12, NIV)

ICE BREAKER

What activity do you do that requires *all of your attention*? You have to choose to do it, and only do those through deliberate action?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) John shares in verse 7 where real love comes from, God. Where do most people say it comes from?
- 2) In verses 9-10, we are given a clear objective definition of love. Why is this important?
- 3) In verse 11 Andrew made a point about the word "ought." How is it that God's love of us creates an "ought to" response for us to others?
- 4) Verse 12 says rather strongly that when Christians love one another as God loved us, we make the invisible visible. How are we doing? What could we do better? What could your group do better?
- 5) Then Andrew took us to Matthew 25:31-46 to imagine loving the "least of these." Actually, *we are* the "least of these" that Jesus loved! Before you were a Christian, what did you do to feed the hunger only Jesus can satisfy? What about the thirst only he can quench? In what were you imprisoned before Jesus came to you?

PERSONAL REFLECTION

- 1) Andrew asked us to imagine what would change if we loved one another like God loved us. What did you imagine would change in your family? Your marriage? Our campus and community? Our world? Would you share those with your group?
- 2) Andrew said we are window through which the world sees God. He went on to say, do whatever it takes to make sure that window is clean. What do you need to do? Who do you need to forgive? Where might you need to apologize?