



EXPERIENCE THE GIFT OF LOVE

Opening Prayer

God, thank You that in this season of Advent, we can experience the gift of Your love. Help us to accept, embrace, and share Your love with others this season. Please continue to fill us with expectation as we live in Your love and wait for the complete fulfillment of that love when Christ comes again.

Scripture Focus

- Ephesians 3:17–19 – Grasping the depth of Christ's love
- 1 John 4:9–11 – God's love demonstrated through Christ
- John 3:16 – The ultimate act of love

Encourage participants to read each passage aloud together or take turns.

Main Point 1: Accept His Love

Read: John 3:16; Romans 5:8

The Christmas story begins with the greatest act of love ever shown—God giving His Son for us. We must first receive this gift before we can live it out.

Accepting God's love requires humility and trust. Many struggle to believe they are truly lovable, yet God's love is unconditional and constant. Our greatest struggle oftentimes lies in the simplicity of God's affection towards us: we just cannot understand why God would do so much for us... when we have done so little for Him. Perhaps some time meditating on John 3:16-17 would help us to realize it's not what we have done; it's what God did when He sent His Son... that makes the difference.

As we begin this Advent week, may we open our hearts to truly accept God's love as the foundation of our faith and the motivation for our actions.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think it can be difficult for people to fully accept God's love?
2. What difference does it make to know that God's love is not based on our performance?
3. How can you intentionally receive God's love in a deeper way this season?

Reflective Prompt

Write a short prayer thanking God for His personal love for you.

Main Point 2: Experience His Love

Read: Romans 8:38–39; Ephesians 3:17–19

God's love is more than a concept—it's an experience. Paul describes it as something that surpasses knowledge.

We experience God's love when we surrender our fears, disappointments, and distractions to Him, allowing His presence to fill and renew us.

This love transforms how we see ourselves and others, anchoring our joy and purpose in Christ. When I see what God sees... my heart breaks for humanity. When Jesus wept, He saw what His Father saw. When Christmas revelation comes, passion, purpose, and praise extend to our extremities, and we find ourselves serving, just as Christ served.

Discussion Questions

1. How have you personally experienced God's love in a tangible way?
2. What barriers keep you from feeling or recognizing God's love right now?
3. How can prayer help you remain aware of God's love daily?

Reflective Prompt

List two ways you can pause this week to rest in God's love.

Main Point 3: Share His Love

Read: 1 John 4:9–11; John 15:12–13

Once we have accepted and experienced God's love, we are called to share it.

Sharing love means forgiving, serving, and encouraging others. God's love multiplies when it flows through us.

Advent is a time to reflect Christ's love through kindness, compassion, and reconciliation. Enough said! Life without the Savior is impossible. Reconciliation is what the Christian life is all about. I forgive you, because I have been forgiven. Jesus came because God forgave!

Discussion Questions

1. Who in your life needs to experience God's love through you?
2. What practical ways can you show love to others this week?
3. How does sharing God's love increase your own joy and peace?

Reflective Prompt

Identify one person you can intentionally show love to this week.

Closing Thought

The love of God is not an abstract idea—it is an action we receive, live, and give. As we prepare for Christmas, let us accept His love, experience it deeply, and share it freely with others.

Closing Benediction

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. — Ephesians 3:17–19