

# KNOWING GOD'S LOVE, SHARING GOD'S LOVE

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## Grace Group Discussion Guide

Week of Oct 2 - Oct 8, 2022

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### KEY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: Eph 3:17-21 KJV

17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19 (AMP) [That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fulness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]. 20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, 21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

#### 1. God is in the business of saving, rescuing, and restoring:

- The story of the Prodigal Son: Luke 15:11-32
- Did that son know the Father's love when he left home? Was the son's love for his Father greater after he returned?

#### 2. In The Beginning, the Re-Start:

- Genesis 1: 1-2 (AMP)  
v 1: *In the beginning God (prepared, formed, fashioned, and) created the heavens and the earth.*  
v 2: *The earth was without form and an empty waste, darkness was upon the face of the very great deep. The Spirit of God was moving (hovering, brooding) over the face of the waters.*
- vs 3-31 outlines God's restoration of the earth.
- And we see a culmination of God's restoration in the Book of Revelation.

#### 3. What does this have to do with Knowing God's Love?

- God's love restored the Prodigal Son. God's love restored the earth from darkness and void. God has been rescuing, saving, and restoring because He loves us.
- John 3:16 (PPV – Pat's Personal Version):  
**Because God loved me so much, that He did not leave me trapped in the deep dark hole that I was in, but He had His Son to pay the penalty for my messed up life of sin, so that if I believe in Him, I would not perish or be destroyed but be rescued, and saved, and have a new and everlasting life.**
- Restoring and rescuing us to know how much He loves us:
  - It's personal. He saved me and continues to save me in life's situations. Why? Because He loves me and wants me to know His love.
  - He will save you in your situation because He wants you to know how much He loves you.

**WARM-UP:** Have you ever saved, rescued, or restored something or someone? Share a little bit about it.

**REVIEW:** Read and review the message notes. Be ready to apply what you've read to your own personal life.

**APPLY:** What stood out to you from the message, the notes, or the scriptures we just read? How will you apply that to your life? // According to Eph 3:17, what must happen first before we really *comprehend* and *know* the love of Christ? What helps you to personally achieve this? // How has God shown you His saving, rescuing, and restoring love recently? How or where can you share that love?

**PRAY:** Pray for each other to be rooted and grounded in God's love, that all we do would be done out of love. Pray for a revelation of how much God loves us and how we can show our love back to Him. Pray for your V.I.P 5x5 and invite them to next Sunday's service.

#### Bible Reading

- Oct 2:** Isaiah 14-16, Ephesians 5:1-16
- Oct 3:** Isaiah 17-19, Ephesians 5:17-33
- Oct 4:** Isaiah 20-22, Ephesians 6
- Oct 5:** Isaiah 23-25, Philippians 1
- Oct 6:** Isaiah 26-27, Philippians 2
- Oct 7:** Isaiah 28-29, Philippians 3
- Oct 8:** Isaiah 30-31, Philippians 4



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