

G.O.A.T (Greatest of All Time): Redefining Greatness

Small Group Questions: Part 2: Greatest Virtue

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Read

1 Corinthians 13:13, John 3:16-19, 1 John 4:16-17, John 13:35, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Matthew 4:18-20, Matthew 16:13-18, John 21:15-19, Matthew 22:34-40

Reflect

The greatest of these is love. In 1 Corinthians 13:13, Paul writes about the importance of love. When we experience the full agape love for Jesus, we begin to share that same love with others to resemble God to those around us. What are some ways that you have shared agape love with those who may not be experiencing that same type of love for God?

Types of love

Phileo - affection, liking, fondness

Agape - unconditional love

Eros - passion, an emotional connection

1. Love Resembles God

- a. If we were to focus on love, it would serve as fuel to bring about change in every area of our lives. In what areas have you seen change stem from receiving God's love, and sharing it with others? In what areas do you want to see change?
- b. Agape love is nearly always going to be a choice, it's not going to come natural. What are some ways that you continually seek agape love for others?
- c. How has agape love marked you so that others can see the love of Christ in you?

2. Love Changes Me

- a. What is something that you have given up to pursue the love of God in your life?
- b. How would a peer review on your love match up with what you think, and what God thinks about your agape love for others?
- c. Why do you sometimes resist change?

3. Love Gives Me a Mission

- a. Peter was passionate and impulsive with his love for Jesus. Do you often find yourself quick to say you love Jesus, but then deny him in other areas of your life?
- b. Jesus sees and knows our past, but he still asks Peter the question, "do you love me?" How would you answer that question?
- c. What specific mission do you feel that God has given you to love others?
- d. Are there people in your life that you struggle to show agape love?