

SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON 1: LOVE

WHY IS IT SO HARD TO LOVE?

- We have different definitions and expectations about what love is.
- We have a hard time _____ love to others as much as we try to get love for ourselves.

“I LOVE YOU” – GETTING ON THE SAME PAGE

“We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.” - 1 John 3:16

- Love is laying down your life for someone else’s _____.

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” - Romans 5:8

- Love is not based on the _____ of the other person.

“Love covers a multitude of sins.” - 1 Peter 4:8

- Love is not transactional.

Philippians 2:5-8 spells it out clearly by showing us the attitude of Jesus towards us:

- “Emptied himself” – Jesus let go of what was important to Him.
- “To the point of death” – Jesus has no _____ to His generosity.

So, love is the laying down of your life for the benefit of a sinner who is more _____ than you.

APPLICATION:

1. We can only _____ love that we have received.
(In other words, you can’t love a sinner until you know you are loved as a sinner.)
2. The best covering for the sins of your spouse is your _____ – not your wrath.
3. Fight for oneness by clinging to _____ instead of grading performance.