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Weekly Discussion Guide



Resources

- Watch or listen to Sunday's sermon: <u>abfboone.com/sermons</u>
- Find Life Group resources: <u>abfboone.org/groups/resources</u>

Romans 5:6-11

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Sermon Outline:

- I. His Love is Unconditional
- II. His Love is Demonstrated
- III. His Love is Sacrificial

Life Group Leader Notes:



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- Pastor Scott referenced the third verse of The Love of God by Frederick Lehman, which was written in 1917. As you think about Lehman writing this song during World War 1, how can that encourage you to focus on God's love in the chaos, brokenness, and pain in our world today?
- •Much of the love we see in the world today is conditional. Can you think of a time when you experienced unconditional love from another person? What was that like and what impression did it make on you?
- •When God chose to love us we were helpless, ungodly, sinners, and enemies of God. There is nothing we can do to earn God's attention or affection. (see Romans Chapter 3) Being a follower of Christ means that we have acknowledged our helplessness and total dependence upon God's mercy. How can that reality help us remain meek and humble, not thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought?
- •God's great love was demonstrated at the cross and there is no greater act of sacrifice and love than what Jesus has already done. How does Christ's sacrifice encourage you in the midst of your circumstances?
- •The early church gathered on the first day of the week instead of the Jewish Sabbath, which was Friday evening to Saturday evening, because of the resurrection. As we gather for worship weekly, every Sunday can be a reminder of Easter. What ways do you want the Lord to increase your love for gathering with God's people in worship this year?
- •Who are the people in your life (family, neighbors, roommates, friends, co-workers, etc.) that need to be reconciled to God? Take time to share the names of those folks with your Life Group and pray for opportunities in the coming weeks to be able to share about God's love, including Christ's great sacrifice, and what that means in your life.

