

“Why I Am a Christ-Follower –Because He Loves Me”  
March 13, 2010

**Scripture Reading** – Ps. 136:1-12

1. He loves me with unconditional love. (Rom. 5:5,8)
  
2. He loves me with unfailing love. (Ps. 90:14; 136)
  
3. He loves me with unselfish love. (Gal. 2:20)
  
4. He loves me with unbreakable love. (Rom. 8:35-39)
  
5. He loves me with unlimited love. (Eph. 3:17-19)

**Application:**

1. Discuss with your family and friends your understanding of God’s love when you were younger. Which definition in the outline is the easiest for you to believe? Which one is the most difficult?
2. Live this week with daily reminders of God’s love for you. Share with someone the truth of God’s love for them.

**Bible Study Questions/ Discussion**  
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1. Share your concept of God's love as you grew up and how it has changed as an adult. According to Romans 5:5, what is the measure of His love that is shared with us? What kind of proof do we have of His love? (Rom. 5:8) What are the descriptions in this passage, (Rom. 5:6-9) of the people that God loves? (Also Col. 1:21) Who takes the initiative in our relationship with God? How do we learn to love? (I John 4:10,19)
  
2. Not only is His love "unconditional" but it is "unfailing." Review Psalm 136 and the 26 times a certain phrase is repeated. Why do we need to hear this promise and truth about God over and over? What should be our response to such love? (Psalm 13:5; 106:1) How enduring was the love of Christ for His disciples? (Jn. 13:1) Discuss the disciples and some of the things that might have made it difficult for Jesus to love them.
  
3. Jesus loves with an "unselfish" love. Share examples of "selfish" love that you have seen in your life. How did Paul describe his relationship to Christ in Gal. 2:20? One of the main definitions of God's love is unselfish sacrifice. (I John 3:16) How does this reflect on His goodness toward us? (John 10:11,18) What was the primary motivation for Christ to go to the cross? (Jn. 3:16; Eph. 5:2)
  
4. Jesus' love for you is also "unbreakable." Share an example of something that "broke" that you highly valued. There is nothing that could ever come into our lives that can break the bond of love Christ has for us. (Rom. 8:35) Share a time that you felt unloved. What kind of problems did Paul face in his life? (2 Cor. 11:23-27) How many of those things could cause him to feel unloved? What did Gideon feel about God's care and love? (Judges 6:12-13)
  
5. Identify the level of confidence Paul had in the love of Christ according to Rom. 8:38. In 2 Tim. 2:12 Paul reminds Timothy of Christ ability to stand guard on our behalf. What are the things in your life right now that are attacking your faith relationship with God?
  
6. The Christian life has its basis in the love of Christ. (Eph. 3:17) What kind of description does Paul give to us of God's unlimited love? (Eph. 3:18) If we try to compare the love of Christ with what we know about love, what happens? (Eph. 3:19)
  
7. Pray for one another to receive and trust in God's amazing love for each one. Pray that people that we come in contact with would know the depth of God's love for them.