

## **Discussion Guide:**

### **God's Great Love Despite Human Failure**

#### **I. God's Great Love for His Own**

1. What does it mean that Jesus "loved His own who were in the world" (John 13:1)?
2. How does Ephesians 3:17–19 describe the dimensions of Christ's love?
3. Why is it important that Jesus calls us "His own"?
4. How does Psalm 8:4 show the humility of God's love for mankind?
5. What comfort does Psalm 103:8–12 give regarding God's mercy and love?
6. What role does God's covenant play in His love according to Deuteronomy 7:7–8?
7. How is God's love expressed through joy in Zephaniah 3:17?
8. What assurance does Isaiah 54:10 offer about the permanence of God's love?
9. How is God's love proactive according to Romans 5:8 and 1 John 4:9–10?
10. How does God's mercy in Lamentations 3:22–23 shape our view of daily grace?

#### **II. Jesus' Love Despite Human Failure**

11. Why is it significant that Jesus loved the disciples even though He knew they would fail Him?
12. How does Jesus' knowledge of Peter's denial and Thomas's doubt enhance our understanding of grace?
13. What does Jesus' love say about our failures and His faithfulness?
14. What truth can we draw from John 13:1 about Jesus loving "to the end"?
15. In what way is life choice-driven despite God's desire that none should perish?

#### **III. Jesus and "This World"**

16. What is the difference between "the world" God created and "this world" Jesus departed from?
17. How do John 9:39 and John 12:31 portray Jesus' judgment against this world?
18. Why does Jesus not love this world, though He loves the world (John 3:16)?
19. What does Romans 12:2 teach us about how believers should relate to this world?
20. How does the ruler of this world being cast out reflect spiritual victory?

#### **IV. Jesus as Light to the World**

21. According to John 8:12, what does it mean that Jesus is the light of the world?
22. Why do people prefer darkness over light according to John 3:19–21?
23. How do John 1–12 show Jesus providing light to a sin-sick world?

#### **V. Jesus as Servant: Foot Washing**

24. What is the significance of the seven actions Jesus takes in John 13:4–5?
25. What is the connection between Mary anointing Jesus' feet in John 12 and Jesus washing the disciples' feet in John 13?

## **Answers**

### **I. God's Great Love for His Own**

1. *It means Jesus has a covenantal, intimate love for His chosen people—those who believe in Him and follow Him.*
2. *It shows Christ's love is immeasurable—wide, long, high, and deep—and intended to be experienced, not just understood.*
3. *It reflects ownership, intimacy, and eternal security. We belong to Him as treasured possession.*
4. *It highlights the wonder of God's love toward small, finite creatures like us.*
5. *It teaches that God is slow to anger and rich in mercy, forgiving fully and removing our sins completely.*
6. *God's love is rooted in His covenant promises, not our performance. He chose Israel because of His love and oath.*
7. *God's love is joyful and celebratory—He rejoices over His people with singing.*
8. *God's love is enduring and unshakable, even when everything else falls apart.*
9. *God loved us while we were still sinners. He initiated our salvation by giving His Son.*
10. *God's mercies are renewed daily; His faithfulness is constant even when we falter.*

### **II. Jesus' Love Despite Human Failure**

11. *It proves the unwavering nature of divine love. He loves based on who He is, not on who we are.*
12. *It shows that Jesus knew their weaknesses and still welcomed them into His mission.*
13. *Our failures do not disqualify us from His love. His faithfulness remains.*
14. *Jesus' love continued through suffering, betrayal, and even death. It is love without limits.*
15. *God's love is available to all, but individuals must choose to receive it. Rejection brings consequence despite His desire to save.*

### **III. Jesus and "This World"**

16. *"The world" is God's good creation; "this world" refers to the fallen, man-centered system that rejects Him.*
17. *Jesus came to expose sin and bring spiritual vision. He also came to cast out Satan and judge the corrupt world system.*
18. *God loves the people of the world, but He rejects the sinful structure and rebellion of "this world."*
19. *Believers must not be conformed to the value system of this world but be transformed by the renewing of their minds.*
20. *It means Christ has authority and has defeated the enemy through the cross.*

#### **IV. Jesus as Light to the World**

- 21. Jesus reveals truth and guides people out of spiritual darkness. He is the source of eternal life.*
- 22. People avoid the light because it exposes their sin. They love their sin more than truth.*
- 23. Jesus continually calls people out of darkness with healing, truth, and salvation through His ministry.*

#### **V. Jesus as Servant: Foot Washing**

- 24. The seven actions symbolize divine completeness and humble service. Jesus models the heart of God.*
- 25. Mary's act of devotion foreshadows Jesus' servant act. Both show humility and self-giving love, and both point to the cross.*