

Title: Christian Love

**Objective**: The students will be able to define what love is according to the Bible and reflect on how to show Christian love in their own lives.

Give Directions: Ask your group to think about someone they love. It could be anyone including members of their family. Let the group brainstorm or come up with a list of words that come to mind when they think of the word "Love".

## Scripture Verses to be read by several members of the group:

- 1. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
- 2. John 13:34
- 3. Matthew 5:43-48
- 4. Romans 13:8-10

Read and discuss each of the following <u>phrases</u> with the group. Let everyone give their opinion, but be sure everyone understands the phrases with regards to Love:

- 1. Suffers Long Vs 4
- 2. Is kind Vs 4
- 3. Does not envy Vs 4
- 4. Does not parade itself Vs 4
- 5. Is not puffed-up Vs 4
- 6. Does not parade itself Vs 4
- 7. Does not behave rudely Vs 5
- 8. Does not seek its own Vs 5
- 9. Is not provoked Vs 5
- 10. Thinks no evil Vs 5

- 11. Does not rejoice in iniquity Vs 6
- 12. Bears all things Vs 7
- 13. Believes all things Vs 7
- 14. Hopes all things Vs 7
- 15. Endures all things Vs 7

## As a group, read <u>John 13:34</u> and discuss the following questions:

- 1. Now that you know how the Bible describes love, what do you think Jesus means by this commandment?
- 2. How can you demonstrate Christian love day today?
- 3. Jesus says to love one another as He has loved us. Is this possible? Why or why

## As a group, read <u>Matthew 5:43-48</u> and discuss the following questions:

- 1. What was the old way of thinking? (love your neighbors and hate your enemies) Why is this not an okay way of thinking for Christians?
- 2. Is it hard to love your enemies? Why or why not?
- 3. Think of someone who has recently hurt you at school. Is it possible to love them right now?
- 4. We are not only told to love our enemies. What else does this passage say about our enemies?

## As a group, read <u>Romans 13:8-10</u> and discuss the following questions:

- 1. How can love to be the fulfillment of all the commandments we have been given? Explain
- 2. Is love the greatest command? Why or why not?