

### DEEPER – LESSON #4 “Embrace”

1. Read 1 John 4:8,16. What do these verses tell us about love and God?
  
2. When you read the verses above, is the following statement correct or false? *“Love for the God of the Bible, is just one of the many activities that he does.”* Why do you think it is true or false?
  
3. Which of the following statements is true? *“God made you so that he could love you”* or *“God needed you so that he could love you.”* Explain your answer
  
4. Read Ephesians 3:16-19. Answer the following questions:
  - a. Circle the word that best describes the heart of Paul in his prayer for believer’s: obedience, be more fruitful, false teaching to be stamped out, to know the love of Christ, grow in the knowledge of Scriptures, the spreading of the gospel, perform miracles, walk on water.
  - b. What is the difference between having the love of Christ and knowing the love of Christ?
  - c. What is unique about this wording in verse 19? “To know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge?”
  - d. Is love simply knowledge or is it also relational? Explain (Hint: What would be the difference between knowing the exact chemical makeup of honey or tasting it?)
  
5. How does the common definition of love fall short of Jesus’ love?
  - a. See Mark 11:15 – What did Jesus, who is love, do in this verse?

b. See Rev. 1:16; 2:12 – How do these verses describe Jesus who is love?

6. Why is it so difficult to believe that God loves you? (Could this be one of the reasons we are to pray to know what is unknowable??)

7. In Ephesians 3:19, when the love of Christ becomes real to us, what are we filled with? What two things must always go together in this verse?

8. In what ways does our love fail, even if that is not our desire?

9. How is God's love opposite of that? Do you believe it?

10. Which person of the Trinity does the supernatural work of enabling us to see and receive the knowledge and experience of God's love? See Romans 5:5

11. If you are having trouble knowing and experiencing the love of God for you because of your past, or even your current struggles and failures, you just might be looking at the wrong life:

- Wrong Life \_\_\_\_\_
- Right Life \_\_\_\_\_