

Questions for Small Groups and Personal Reflection:

Personal Life:

1. How many references to LOVE would you guess are in the Bible? ____ More importantly, talk about *who* is loving *whom* in all those references...
2. What type of person, if you are willing to admit it, is the most difficult for you to love?

Ponderings:

3. It could be said that love is **the** dominant biblical theme. Pick one of the statements below and comment on it, argue with it, or share how you think it needs to change you:
 - God is love. (1 John 4:8)
 - Apart from love, we are...we have...we gain NOTHING. (1 Corinthians 13)
 - I've never been accused of being a friend of sinners. (Luke 7:34)
4. In the weekend message, Neal made a big deal out of moving from "loving actions" to "actually falling in love" with individual people. What did he mean? Why does it matter? Do you think the world wants us to act in loving ways, or actually love them?

Promptings:

5. Posturing ourselves so as to fall in love with people is the beginning. How might you re-posture yourself in order to fall in love? Choose one and share why you chose it...
 - I'm going to argue less, and listen more.
 - I admit that I've contributed to making the gospel feel like bad news instead of good news.
 - I'm going to ask God to place genuine fascination for people very different than me deep in my heart.
 - I'm going to intentionally spend less time with believers, in order to spend more time with those yet-to-believe.
6. Can you think of 3-5 names of people yet-to-believe in Jesus, with whom you live, work, or play? Write their first names here:
7. What would you be willing to do this week to spend time with them?
I am going to _____.