**“What Love is This?”**

**(1 John 4:8, 16)**

**The Bible explicitly declares that “God is Love!”  He is not only love, for He is also holy, righteous, good, and many other attributes, but He IS indeed love!  A better understanding of God’s love can transform our lives.  An overview of God’s Word informs us that His love is…**

**S ACRIFICIAL**

 (John 3:16; Ephesians 5:25; Romans 5:8)

**P** **ERSONAL**

 (Deuteronomy 7:7-8; Galatians 2:20)

**E MOTIONAL**

 (Isaiah 49:15-16; 63:9;John 11:35-36)

**C ONTINUAL**

(Jeremiah 31:3; Romans 8:38-39)

**I NSTRUCTIONAL**

 (Hebrews 12:6; Ephesians 6:4; Revelation 3:19)

**A VAILABLE**

 (John 3:16; Romans 10:13)

**L IVEABLE**

(Romans 5:5; Galatians 5:22)

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**Small Group Discussion Guide**

**1. Share something from Sunday’s sermon that was the most**

 **interesting or challenging to you, or that raised a question.**

 **Which of the 7 aspects of God’s love is most meaningful to you?**

**2. Why is God’s love so essential in our lives as Christians?**

**3. What does the fact that God chose YOU mean to you?  How does**

 **it make you feel?  How does it motivate you?**

**4. God wants us to be an example of His love to others. What are**

 **some practical ways we can make our love for others more**

 **Sacrificial?  Personal?  Emotional? Instructional?**

**5. What role does the Holy Spirt play in our lives as we seek to**

 **“live out” God’s love?  (Consider Romans 5:5 & Galatians 5:22)**

**6. How would you respond to someone who feels that God does**

 **not love them because He has allowed them to go through severe**

 **trials?**

**Digging Deeper:**

**1. Review each aspects of God’s love from Sunday’s study. Write out**

 **a brief explanation of each in your own words, beginning with**

 **“S” – sacrificial. Then write down an action step you can take for**

 **each to better show God’s love in your home, your church, and**

 **your work-place.**

**2. Share the “God’s Love is SPECIAL” acrostic with someone this**

 **week, maybe as a “special” valentine note to someone.  A reminder**

 **of God’s amazing love just might make a difference in someone’s**

 **life!**