

Entering In:

Do you agree communication has become easier with higher technology? Why or why not?

Share how you have adopted new tools or attitudes in order to communicate with someone in a different age group.

1. Paul planted a church in Thessalonica around A.D. 49. Because of persecution, he left Thessalonica, eventually settling in Corinth where he wrote this letter around A.D. 51. Why did Paul send Timothy to Thessalonica “when he could stand it no longer” (1 Thessalonians 3:5)?

How do you think Paul came to be so concerned for the Thessalonians?

Pray that you and our church leaders will have Paul’s caring heart.

2. Who increases and makes *your* love overflow?

Share how God has increased your love personally.

What happens when our love increases and overflows only for each other (among ourselves) but not for everyone (towards all people)? (family vs. others; church vs. community)

3. List 10 adjectives that describe God’s love. (cf. 1 Corinthians 13:1-8)

What 10 adjectives do you think probably more accurately describe human love?

4. How did God demonstrate his love for us?

If you have felt or received God’s love for you, share your experience.

What does receiving God’s love mean to you?

Why do you think some people don’t want (or cannot) receive God’s love for them?

5. Describe what happens when your love overflows.

- A. Matthew 22:39:
- B. Leviticus 19:18:
- C. 1 Peter 1:22:
- D. Romans 12:9:
- E. 1 John 4:7-8; 11-12:

6. Do you agree with Pastor's comment, "Our love for God must lead us to holiness before him"?
Why or why not?

Why do we need to help our loved ones to become blameless and holy?

7. How will you keep your white robe, which symbolizes God's righteousness, clean? [For fun but it is meaningful]

- A. Keep it in a closet
- B. Don't wear it anywhere that is dusty and messy
- C. Don't let anyone come too close to me
- D. Cover it with another outfit
- E. Wash it whenever it gets dirty
- F. Try to get another one
- F. Other

Living It Out:

Pray for someone to whom your love may overflow.

Pray that person may experience the love of God.

