

LifeGroup Leader Discussion Guide

Putting on Love

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Opening Prayer

“Father, thank You for gathering us together. Open our hearts to Your love and truth. Give us wisdom as we discuss, courage to be honest, and grace to listen well. Holy Spirit, guide our thoughts and shape us more into the image of Jesus. Amen.”

1. What insights, comments, or questions do you have about this week's sermon?

Leader Insight:

This question warms up the group and surfaces themes that resonated with members. It helps people process the message while giving the leader insight into where the group is spiritually and emotionally. Don't rush—this question often reveals what God is already highlighting.

Prompt the group:

- “Was there a line, story, or verse that stood out?”
 - “Did anything challenge or encourage you?”
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2. “*What do I think about God?*” Why is what we think about God so important? What events or people have shaped what you think about God?

Leader Insight:

Tozer's quote reminds us that our view of God shapes everything—identity, behavior, relationships, prayer life, trust, and emotional health. Many people carry inherited views of God—some true, some distorted. This question invites gentle self-reflection.

Prompt the group:

- “What picture of God did you grow up with?”
 - “How has Scripture, suffering, or community reshaped that picture?”
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3. “What do I believe God thinks about me?” How does the Parable of the Lost Son (Luke 15:11–32) shape this belief?

Leader Insight:

This is a deeply personal question. The parable shows God’s compassion, His pursuit, His joy in our return, and His eagerness to restore—not punish. Some group members may struggle to believe God delights in them.

Prompt the group:

- “Which character in the story do you relate to most right now?”
 - “What does the father’s response reveal about God’s heart toward you?”
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4. Read Jeremiah 31:3, Romans 8:38–39, and 1 John 3:1. How do these verses help you know deep in your heart that God loves you unconditionally?

Leader Insight:

God’s love can be understood intellectually yet remain unexperienced emotionally. These verses show God’s *everlasting*, *inseparable*, and *specific* love. Encourage discussion that moves from the head to the heart.

Prompt the group:

- “What word or phrase from these verses stands out?”
 - “Is there an area of your life where believing God’s unconditional love is difficult?”
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5. Read Colossians 3:12–14. What happens if we try to live out the virtues in these verses without putting on love?

Leader Insight:

These virtues—compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience—are impossible to sustain without God’s love fueling them. Without love, they become forced, performative, or exhausting. Love is the “bond” that holds everything together.

Prompt the group:

- “What does it feel like to serve or forgive without love?”
 - “How does knowing you’re ‘dearly loved’ (v. 12) change the way you treat others?”
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6. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4–7. Share a definition of each descriptor of love. Then share with another group member how you see one of these virtues in them.

Leader Insight:

This exercise makes love practical and relational. Defining each term deepens understanding; affirming one another strengthens community. Model tenderness and specificity.

Example definitions:

- *Patience*: choosing to give others time and space without irritation.
- *Kindness*: actively doing good for someone else.
- *Not easily angered*: responding with grace instead of reactivity.
- *Keeps no record of wrongs*: releasing resentment rather than storing it.

Prompt the group:

- “What does this virtue look like in everyday life?”
 - After sharing with each other ask, “How did it feel to receive affirmation?”
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7. Mother Teresa said, “*I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God Who is sending a love letter to the world.*” How do you sense God using you to communicate His love? What might it look like for you to put on love this week?

Leader Insight:

This question directs the group toward application. God expresses His love uniquely through each person. Encourage small, practical, relational steps rather than big or abstract ideas.

Prompt the group:

- “Where is God nudging you—workplace, home, friendships, church?”
- “What one loving action can you commit to this week?”