

NOTES

Scripture Refs

Ps. 119:105; Matt. 22:35–36; 25:14–30; Luke. 10:25–37; John. 8:59; 10:10; 1 Cor. 1:10; 2:12; 3:1–4; 6:1–8; 13:1–7,13–15; 2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16–17; Heb. 12:11; James. 2:26; 1 John. 1:6,9; 2:28

Reflection & Discussion

1. John calls on believers to love in “deed” and “truth”.
 - a. How would you explain his meaning to a ‘new’ or ‘immature’ believer?
 - b. How is the biblical definition of “love” different from the world’s definition?
 - c. Why is abiding in Christ a necessary aspect of showing others biblical love?

2. Consider and have an open discussion about the *Parable of the Good Samaritan*:
 - a. What makes the story so *striking*?
 - b. From what elements of the story can you extract principles related to *practical expressions of biblical love* (e.g.: it cost *the Good Samaritan* personally in order to care for someone who was his ‘enemy’ = love is unconditional.)