

**FUSION Q's... Becoming an Apprentice 4: Love is at the Heart**

**Discussion Questions (30 – 40 minutes)**

Q1. What do you think Jesus meant when he said "Love your enemies"? What would that kind of love look like?

Q2. Take a moment to think of who your enemies are. Do you think that loving your enemies is possible for **you** to do? Why or why not?

Q3. Why do you think God loves his enemies? If anyone could get away with not loving their enemies, wouldn't it be him?

**Read Romans 12:14-21 (p.682)**

Q4. What is your first response to someone who is giving you a hard time – is it to pray for them or is it to get them back? Explain why you react the way you do.

Q5. God says that we are to leave revenge to him and not to pursue it ourselves. Why do you think he offers this to us?

Q6. What do you think would happen if you started treating people well who were treating you badly?

**Read John 13:34-35 (p.648)**

Q7. Jesus loved us and his disciples so much that he died for us. Why do you think Jesus wants you to love others the same way he loves you?

Q8. Jesus said that "all men will know you are my disciples, if you love one another". How well do you think Christians are doing with Jesus' instructions? How well have you done in keeping Jesus' command?

Q9. How can you become the type of person who loves others like Jesus loves you – what steps can you take to become the type of person who starts seeing people the way Jesus sees them?

**Bible Passages for Fusion Discussion**

**Romans 12:14-21 (NLT – p.682)**

<sup>14</sup>Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. <sup>15</sup>Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down. <sup>16</sup>Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody.

<sup>17</sup>Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. <sup>18</sup>If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. <sup>19</sup>Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it."

<sup>20</sup>Our Scriptures tell us that if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he's thirsty, get him a drink. Your generosity will surprise him with goodness. <sup>21</sup>Don't let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.

**John 13:34-35 (NLT – p.648)**

<sup>34</sup>So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. <sup>35</sup>Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."