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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR SMALL GROUPS, FAMILIES, & INDIVIDUAL STUDY

Ice Breaker (if needed):

How do you feel about your birthday? Do you love to celebrate, keep it low-key, or would you rather forget it? Why?

1. What is love? Recount your experiences learning about what love is and isn't. Build a case for why love is the most poorly understood and mis-used of the core longings. Why do you think love is a central focus in our lives?
2. Me-centered love is illustrated in Samson's early life.
 - Read Judges 14:1-3
 - Where do you see signs of Samson's love being "me-centered"?
 - What does this type of "love" focus on? What does it require from the person who is "loved"?
 - Discuss the fruits of a love centered on "me".
3. Them-centered love is seen in Samson's relationship with Delilah.
 - Read Judges 16:4-10 and Judges 16:15-17
 - What was the sacrifice Samson made?
 - Why was this particular sacrifice an affront to who Samson should have loved above all else?
 - Read Luke 14:26
 - How does loving Jesus above all create a you who loves other people well?
 - What is the danger of a "them-centered" love? How does our culture romanticize and elevate this kind of love? When does this kind of love become problematic?
4. Him-centered love is true love, seen in Samson's transformation after he loses everything.
 - Read Judges 16:22-30
 - What returned as Samson's hair grew back? What was Samson's state when he began to call on the Lord?
 - How would Samson's story have been different if he persisted in loving God above all? What disasters could have been avoided?
 - Pray for the Lord to show you where your love is directed or centered apart from God. What if loving God with all your heart shifted your ability to love others in the way He intended? What would your world look like?
5. Read Ephesians 3:17-19. How do you begin to grasp the love of Jesus? Where in these verses does it say, "unless you are problematic" or "if only you don't make a mistake"? Who does He love? How can He love in this way? Sit in that love for a few moments and believe it is for you.

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SERMON SERIES:
CORE LONGINGS

WEEK 4: LOVE

GRACE NEWS

10.11.25 - 10.12.25

LOVE THE WESTERN SLOPE

Parent-Teacher Conference Meal: Join Love the Western Slope as we bless teachers at all the public schools with a meal during Parent Teacher Conferences. We need your help by cooking a batch of soup/chili or cookies for conferences on October 13th-16th. Sign up under Events on the church website."

CHILD DEDICATION

Coming Oct 25th & 26th at Grace! We celebrate together as parents make a public declaration that they will do their best to raise their child in a way that honors Jesus and directs their life to Him. And we, as a church family, commit to joining them in this important calling! Sign up to participate!

BAPTISM CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 2nd at 4:30pm at the Montrose Rec Center! Pizza and Pool party to follow! If you haven't been baptized, now is the time to take that next step with Jesus! Please register online to let us know you're planning to be baptized.

BAPTISM CLASS

Thursday, October 30th at 7:00pm. We are changing things up a little and having this class for everyone considering or planning for baptism. This class used to be just for students but we are now offering it to all ages. This class is strongly encouraged for any children, youth, and adults wishing to be baptized at Grace. Parents must attend with their children.

MOM TO MOM

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00pm. Join us to encourage one another, deepen our roots in God's grace, and cultivate a spirit of gratitude in every season of motherhood.

YOUTH NIGHT

Every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30pm. For all students in 6th-12th grade! Scan QR Code for more Youth info.



GRACE KIDS SERVICE LAYOUT:

K-5th graders in class for entire service.
Middle school students go to class after worship.



TAKING IT DEEPER

Read the whole account of Samson in Judges 13—16;
Luke 14:26; Romans 5:8; 8:37-39; 1 John 4:19

FINANCIAL UPDATE

WEEKLY TITHE NEEDS: \$44,022
LAST WEEK'S TITHE ACTUAL: N/A

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