



The Search

Week #4: The Search for Love

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| CHECK-IN | Following last week's message, do you feel rich? |
| BIG IDEA | The search for love is ultimately answered not by what we find in the world, but by what God has already given in Christ. |
| DISCUSS | <p>Read Romans 5:5-10.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Describe a time when you felt especially loved by a friend, your family, or romantic partner. Have you felt the love of God? How was His love manifested? What are some ways people look for love in the wrong places? When is it most difficult to love someone? Consider the themes of the following verses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 John 4:10 – God said “I love you” first. Romans 5:8 – You are loved not based on your performance, but simply because of who God is. Romans 5:9-10 – God loved you at your worst to redeem you into His best. Romans 5:5 – God has enough love for you too! 1 John 3:16 – Because you are supremely loved, you are empowered to make the supreme sacrifice for others. <p>How do these verses transform your understanding of God?</p> |
| <p>APPLY</p> <p>How do we respond to God's teaching in meaningful ways? What might God ask of us in mind, spirit, or actions?</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What advice on love would you give your younger self? Who comes to mind when you think of someone who might be undeserving of love, but needs it from you anyway? How can we as <i>the bridge</i> church family demonstrate His love for one another? |



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PRAYER PRACTICE

(15 minutes)

Pray with your LifeGroup to know our search for love is fulfilled in Christ:

“And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”

—Ephesians 3:17–19 (NIV)