

STUDY & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

During our *40 Days of Love* emphasis, we've encouraged your participation in small group discussions, along with participating in worship and doing personal readings in *The Relationship Principles of Jesus* by Tom Holladay. We hope this has been a valuable journey for you! We encourage you to spend time with your small group this week enjoying a meal together. Over good food/refreshment, take time to share with one another about the highlights of the 40 day journey you've taken together!

Look for discussion questions to return here next week.

"Love Remembers"

Psalms 77:11 (NLT) "I recall all you have done, O LORD; I remember your wonderful deeds..."

Love remembers...

* In heart-felt worship.

John 4:23 (MSG) "It's who you are and the way you live that count before God. Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth. That's the kind of people the Father is out looking for: those who are simply and honestly themselves before him in their worship."

Romans 12:1 (TEV) Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer.

Romans 11:36 (TEV) For all things were created by him, and all things exist through him and for him. To God be the glory forever! Amen.

1 Corinthians 4:7 (NRSV) What do you have that you did not receive? And if you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift?

Love remembers...

* Through humble devotion.

Proverbs 6:21-23 (NIV) "Bind them upon your heart forever; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you. For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light."

Love remembers...

Bible Versions used: KJV-King James; NKJV-New King James; NIV-New International; NCV-New Century; TLB-Living Bible; NLT-New Living Translation; Msg-The Message; GW-God's Word; TEV-Today's English; CEV-Contemporary English; NAS - New American Standard; NJB-New Jerusalem Bible; HCSB-Holman Christian Standard; Phi-Phillips Translation; Amp-Amplified Bible; NRSV-New Revised Standard

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40 Days of LOVE

* In caring community.

Colossians 3:12-17 (MSG) So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it. Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. The Word of Christ... Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives -- words, actions, whatever -- be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.

Love remembers...

* With simple service.

Ephesians 2:10 (NCV) God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which God planned in advance for us to live our lives doing.

1 John 3:18 (TLB) Little children, let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions.

Galatians 2:10 (NIV) We should continue to remember the poor.

Love remembers...

* By grateful communion.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NIV) The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me... This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 10:16 (NIV) Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8,13 (CEV)

⁴ Love is kind and patient, never jealous, boastful, proud, or ⁵ rude. Love isn't selfish or quick tempered. It doesn't keep a record of wrongs that others do. ⁶ Love rejoices in the truth, but not in evil. ⁷ Love is always supportive, loyal, hopeful, and trusting. ⁸ Love never fails! ¹³ For now there are faith, hope, and love. But of these three, the greatest is love.