

DISCUSSION GUIDE



# Gospel Communities

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GRACE COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH



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## If You Love Me

John 14:15

Simple Starter: Use this time to check in! Simply showing up and talking over the sermon or talking theology is not all we desire for Gospel Communities. Get into each others lives. Ask this: How are you doing, really? And how can we pray for you? Ask if everyone would share.

Read John 14:15-31

1. Jonathan began by quoting only part of verse 15. Were you able to complete it by memory? Was it a shock to you when you read the rest of that verse?
2. Verse 15 is clear (among many other's: v.21, 23, 24, 31; John 15:10; 1 John 2:3-5, 5:3) that obedience to the words of Jesus is love of Jesus. Is this fresh thinking for you? Is this hard for you? Why or why not?
3. Jonathan said we have an obsession with Phileo love. This is the emotion packed, affectionate love. Do you agree with this? Would you say this love is what primarily leads your obedience or lack thereof?
4. Jesus calls us to agape Him. To love him out of a decision of the will, a choice. This is costly love. Is this paradigm shifting for you in your walk with Him? Discuss this. (Remember, the emotional feelings of phileo love will often follow agape love).
5. Jonathan said that as Christians we should reframe commandments and obedience with the idea of invitation to joy. Have you ever experienced this? If you are willing, share about those seasons.
6. Not a question, but a restatement to discuss: "What you focus on expands," and "Obedience is only possible in the present."
7. Read the story of the wedding party in John 2:1-11. Mary said, "Do whatever he tells you." What did the servants do? What were the results?

Pray together! Pray for fresh vision of our Lord, that we would grow in love for Him and prove it through our obedience to Him. Pray for one another.