

KEEP CALM TEACHER DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – LESSON 1: “LOVE INITIATES”

UNDERSTANDING THE WORD

John is often called “the Apostle of Love.”

- Why do you think love became such a dominant theme in his writings?

(Hint: Consider his personal experiences with Jesus and how they shaped his perspective.)

In 1 John 4:7, John writes, “Let us love one another, for love is of God.”

- What does this teach us about the origin of love?
- How does that truth change the way we view difficult people?

The lesson explained that love in this verse is a verb—an action word.

- How does defining love as something we do instead of something we feel challenge the world’s definition of love?

Read Romans 5:8 again.

- What does God’s “first move” toward us reveal about His character?
- How might that truth change the way you respond when others don’t deserve kindness?

REFLECTING PERSONALLY

Think about someone in your life (past or present) who “initiated love” toward you when you didn’t deserve it.

- How did that affect your heart and behavior?

TEACH LOVE INSPIRE

- In your own walk with Christ, what barriers sometimes keep you from initiating love?

(Examples: fear of rejection, pride, fatigue, past hurts, etc.) Love that initiates is often unseen and unthanked.)

- Why do you think God calls us to love even when there's no recognition?
- How do you personally stay motivated when your efforts go unnoticed?

Applying in the Classroom

- What are some practical, everyday ways you can "take the first step" in showing love to your students or coworkers?
(Think small, consistent actions rather than big, one-time gestures.)
The lesson said, "Every time you choose to initiate love, you're teaching the Gospel without saying a word."
- What might that look like in your classroom on an ordinary day? Imagine a tense situation with a parent, student, or staff member.
- How could you "initiate love" in that moment rather than waiting for the other person to make the first move?

Deeper Reflection / Optional Writing Prompt

Read 1 John 4:19 - "We love Him because He first loved us."

In one paragraph, describe how understanding this verse redefines your calling as a Christian educator.

How does this truth change how and why you teach?