

TEACHER NOTES

SESSION ONE: LOVE INITIATES



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SESSION VERSE

1 JOHN 4:7 (NKJV)

"BELOVED, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER,
FOR LOVE IS OF GOD; AND EVERYONE
WHO LOVES IS BORN OF GOD AND
KNOWS GOD."

1. THE STARTING POINT OF LOVE

- John is often called [], because he wrote more about love than any other apostle.
- In verse 7, "love" is a []—an action word—something we
- [], not merely feel.
- Our love for others begins []; we reflect what He first showed to us.
- Love is the [] of salvation, not the [] of it.

2. GOD TOOK THE FIRST STEP

- God didn't wait for us to become [] before He loved us.
- Romans 5:8 shows that God [] His love while we were still sinners.
- True love []; it moves first and acts on behalf of others.
- The Greek word *agapē* means love that [] another's good without expecting anything in return.

3. THE CALL TO ACTIVE LOVE

- "Let us love one another" is not a [] but a [].
- Love is not reactive—it is [].
- When we love first, we [] the very nature of God to our students and coworkers.

4. THEOLOGICAL INSIGHT

- Everyone who truly loves is [] of God and [] God.

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5. Biblical Foundation

(No fill-in-the-blanks here—read and reflect on each passage.)

JOHN 13:34–35 • PHILIPPIANS 2:3–4 • COLOSSIANS 3:14

6. CLASSROOM CONNECTION

- Love that initiates looks like:
 1. Greeting every student by [].
 2. Showing [] before frustration.
 3. Noticing the [] student others overlook.
 4. Starting [] when tension arises.
- Every time you choose to love first, you are [] the Gospel without saying a word.

7. PRACTICAL TAKEAWAYS FOR TEACHERS

- Lead the way in love—don't wait for others to [] it.
- Begin each day with the mindset: "I will [] who God is to my students today."
- Replace reaction with []; ask, "How can I love first here?"
- Small acts—notes, smiles, prayers—are [] that God
- grows into fruit.
- Pray by [] for students who need extra grace.
- Extend love to [] staff through encouragement and service.

8. REFLECTION

- Love that initiates is [], not natural.
- Every time you choose grace over grumbling, you [] with God in His redemptive work.
- Ask daily: "Who can I [] love to today?"
- Remember: God [] first—now it's our turn to take
- the first step.