



Week 1 - Love compels love

INTRODUCTION

Love can compel us to do all kinds of extraordinary things. It can compel us to make fools out of ourselves to get attention from the one we love. It can compel us to leave everything and everyone else behind in pursuit of what we love. It can compel us to attempt the impossible in hopes of securing our love. But God's love compels us into what He loves. And God loves people.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your definition of love? When you hear the word "love" what are some of first things that come to your mind?
2. What are some of the crazy things that love has compelled you to do?
3. Share with the group how you understand God's love and what it means to you?
4. Read 1 John 4:8. When you hear that God is love, how does this change your definition of love?
5. In the message, Jon said that God's love compels us to love what God loves and God loves people. How has your love for yourself and other's changed because of your understanding of God's love?
6. We learned that *Love Compels* us to greater love for God, ourselves, and others, *Love Compels* us to greater reach, *Love Compels* us to greater sacrifice; what are some ways you could better love God, yourself, and others? How do you see your life being used is a greater way to reach the lost in this world? What sacrifices are you prepared to make to help get the love of Jesus Christ to this dying world?

MOVING FORWARD

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CHANGING YOUR MIND

1 John 4:11-12 (TNIV)

11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **12** No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.