

LOVE OUT LOUD Group Discussion Questions

Main Idea

The world's too noisy to hear Christians talk about love. They'll only notice if they see it.

- What are some of the different things people say they "love"? (If you want, make a list of all these on butcher paper, or a white board.)
- For each of these, what does the word "love" actually mean? Try to use other words to describe what's being communicated. (You can write these definitions next to each word.)
- What do you think the true definition of love is?

Read John 15:13

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

- What does the Bible say is the true definition of love?
- If you were to describe what this verse says about love in one word, what would it be?
- What are some good examples of this kind of love that you see in the world around you? What are some bad examples?
- Do you think it's easy or hard to live out the Bible's definition of love? Why do you feel that way?

Read 1 John 4:12

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

- What does the first part of this verse say about God?
- How does it say that people can see Him?



- Doug says in the video that "There are people less than a mile from our church dying without Jesus, but the church huddles up inside its four holy walls and expects them to come to us. Our world is in need of hope and love, and the church is often so busy yelling at sinners and saying what we're against." Do you think that's true in the world around your church?
- How about your life specifically? Do you think it's easy or hard for the world to see Jesus' love when they look at you?
- This series is called "love out loud." What do you think that phrase means?

Read 1 John 3:18

Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.

- According to this verse, what's the difference between saying you love someone, and actually loving them?
- What are some ways you could love out loud at your school?
- What about with your family?
- What about with your friends?
- In terms of loving the surrounding world, what are some practical ways this small group could go from saying to doing? How can you love out loud together?