

LHCF Sermon Discussion Guide

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40 Days of Love – Part 1 Love Matters Most

“Let love be your greatest aim.” 1 Cor. 14:1

My number one goal in life is to _____?

The Basics of Love

- **We love because God loves us**
“Love comes from God...for God is love.” 1 John 4:7-8 (NLT)
“We love because God first loved us.” 1 John 4:19 (NIV)
“We know and rely on the love God has for us.” 1 John 4:16a (NIV)
- **Love is a choice and a commitment**
“Choose to love the Lord your God... and commit yourself to him...”
Deut. 30:20 (NLT)
- **Love is an action not just an emotion**
“Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.”
1 John 3:18 (NIV)

Love is spelled T-I-M-E

- **Love is a skill**
“Dear friends, let us practice loving each other, for love comes from God and those who are loving and kind show that they are the children of God, and that they are getting to know him better.”
1 John 4:7 (LB)
“Practice these things and devote yourself to them, in order that your progress may be seen by all.” 1 Tim. 4:15 (TEV)
- **Love is a habit**
“Continue to love each other with true Christian love.” Heb 13:1 (NLT)

“If you only love those who love you, what credit is that to you?”
Luke 6:32 (NIV)

“Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don’t drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it.” 2 Cor. 13:5 (Mes)

40 Days of Love Pre-Test **ASSESSING YOUR RELATIONSHIPS**

Parents _____	1---3---5---7---9
	Poor Great
Marriage Prospect _____	1---3---5---7---9
	Poor Great
Spouse _____	1---3---5---7---9
	Poor Great
Relative _____	1---3---5---7---9
	Poor Great
Coworkers _____	1---3---5---7---9
	Poor Great
Neighbors _____	1---3---5---7---9
	Poor Great
Different/Difficult _____	1---3---5---7---9
	Poor Great
Children _____	1---3---5---7---9
	Poor Great

Small Group Life: Starting this week our Small Groups will all be using the “40 Days of Love” Workbook and Video-Based Study by Rick Warren for the next six weeks.

What actions can you begin to take to help reveal God’s plan for your life? Pray about making a commitment to join and become actively involved in one our LHCF Small Groups.