

Love as We Know It – Activity Option 1

Before the start of the session –

Have chits of paper and let people write on one side of the paper different words they would choose to end the sentence God is (one on each chit)

You can give people examples to help them if they have trouble understanding what to do.

After the talk -

Ask students - When you hear about the love of God how do you feel about it?

Does it make you happy? Do you find it hard to believe and accept? Do your own experiences make you question whether its true?

Do you see a correlation or a contrast between what you believe about God and how you react to His love for you? *Eg: sometimes we may say we believe God is kind, but we might actually feel hesitant to trust Him to treat us with kindness when we do something wrong. In this case we say we believe one thing, but we do not live out what we believe. The same may be true about believing God is love.*

Application – for students familiar with Scripture

Encourage students to look up Scripture passages that affirm God's love for them, especially verses that speak to lies they have believed about God

3 step response –

1. Repent - Where you have known the truth about God's love for you but not believed in it and received it, go back to God and receive His truth
2. Receive - Ask Him to heal you of the pain that has been caused by not trusting in His love
3. Remember - Try to memorize the verse you wrote down so that every time you start to operate out of that old belief you can remember the word again and remind yourself about what is true about God.

Love as We Know It – Activity Option 2

Before the session, draw 4 columns on a white/black board:

1st column:

Invite people to share how they would fill in the blank – God is

Write down their responses on the board

2nd column:

Invite people to share how they would fill in the blank – Love is

Write down their responses on the board

After the talk, fill in the remaining columns

3rd column:

According to the Bible - God is Love

Fill in the 3 points from the talk – Creator, Outside of time, Eternal

4th column:

Therefore, True Love is

1. Exhibited in action
2. Unconditional
3. Everlasting