



THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES: LOVE IS THE FOUNDATION

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Love is the foundation for knowing God. If we don't love God, we can't fully experience a relationship with Him. How do we know we love? How do those we love (including God) know that we love them? In five ways, says Gary Chapman in his book, "The Five Love Language." Love is a key Christian concept and is a part of our religious viewpoint.

First Step - Read Scripture

1 John 4: 7-8

1 Corinthians 13

Romans 13:10

- Step In -

There are many uses for the word "love" in our language (love sports, love pizza, love peace and quiet, love you).

- Brainstorm ways or phrases that express the word "love."
- Which ones best fit our scripture from 1 John 4 that tells us "God is love"? Why?

- Step Up -

The five love languages are: Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, Acts of Service, Gifts, & Physical Touch. Why did the book's author chose those five ways to express love?

1 Corinthians 13 tells us that faith, hope, and love are important in knowing God, and that the greatest of these is love. Do you believe that? Why or why not?

- How are faith, hope and love related?

- Step Out -

Read Romans 13:10. Gary Chapman says that when we recognize & express love in others' love languages, we can discover deep, abiding relationships. Do you agree? Why?

God did not create us to live in isolation – the need for love is fundamental to our health. What steps can we take in order to "tune in" to others so that we recognize their love languages and begin to relate to them more effectively? How can we help others relate to us more closely as well? How does this help us to know God better?

Sermon Notes