

C3 GROUP QUESTIONS

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Getting Started with a Warm-Up:

- “Love is love: examining a popular belief” (Written by Subby Szterszky)

The expression “love is love” has gained a fair amount of currency on social media, and it’s not hard to see why. On the surface, it sounds like a positive, all-embracing truism. In reality, of course, it’s being used in a far more focused – and loaded – manner. The idea is that any sexual relationship marked by affection and respect – between consenting adults of whatever gender or number – is a legitimate form of love and hence beyond reproach...

(*Love is love: Examining a popular belief*. Focus on the Family. (n.d.). Retrieved November 24, 2022, from <https://www.focusonthefamily.ca/content/love-is-love-examining-a-popular-belief>)

- How is this love different from Biblical love ?

Getting Down to Business:

The following questions are following this format: Scripture/Observation, Application, and Prayer (SOAP).

1) Scripture/Observation:

- A. Read 1 John 2:15-16. In what way is the love described here contradictory to the love of God

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B. Read Romans 8:28-30. Where in this passage do we see God's love and desire for our best?

C. Read Matthew 5:44-45. Why is loving our enemies reflective of God's perfect love?

D. Read Ephesians 4:15 and 1 Corinthians 13:1-2. It is important that we speak the truth but if the truth is not presented in love what may be the result?

2) Application: How will a right understanding of love guide us in responding to the complicated and confusing moral issues we face in our culture today?

3) Prayer: As you pray, ask God to reveal opportunities and situations for you to demonstrate your love for others, as he loves you. Also reflect on your current heart for loving others especially those who are far from Christ and believers who have strayed away from him.

But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. (1 John 4:8 NLT)