

Week 2: Learning from former A-grade students

Week 2 takes us deeper into each of the three dimensions of God's love and then invites us to consider the love shown by some of the A-grade students of each area from modern and ancient history. The focus is very much on what each dimension looks like in the real world and who most needs to hear the teaching of each aspect.

Day 1

Practicing love means reflecting God's light (pages 28-29)

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.
—Matthew 5:14

When you think about love that you receive from another person, to what extent do you recognize God as the source of that love?

Day 2

The color green: justice (pages 30-31)

Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for a man to humble himself? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying on sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?

Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. —Isaiah 58:5-8

Who do you know personally that strongly reflects God's justice? How so?

Day 3

The color red: truth (pages 32-33)

But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.
—John 3:21

Who do you know personally that strongly reflects God's truth? How so?

Day 4

The color blue: grace (pages 34-35)

*Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."
—Matthew 18:21-22*

Who do you know personally that strongly reflects God's grace? How so?

Day 5

Three models of love in action • Model for justice: James (pages 36-37)

Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered innocent men, who were not opposing you. —James 5:4-6

Does James' message of justice convict you, excite you, or both? Why?

Day 6

Model for truth: John (page 38)

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. —3 John 1:4

Does John's message of truth convict you, excite you, or both? Why?

Day 7

Model for grace: Paul (page 39)

For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. —1 Corinthians 15:9-10

Does Paul's message of grace convict you, excite you, or both? Why?



School of Love memory verse

Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?

Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Matthew 22:36-39



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