



THE PLUG

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June focus: Exploring the Nature of God

God is Love

PLUG VERSE OF THE WEEK: [Psalm 136:1] Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever.

[Bible verses: Psalm 136:1, John 4:8, Romans 5:8]

Ice Breaker Game:

DISCUSSION:

1. How do people your age usually define love?
2. Can you think of a time when someone's love for you was proven by their actions?
3. What's the difference between saying "I love you" and showing it?

God's Love Never Changes

Jay stared at his phone as message after message filled the group chat. His friends were making plans for the weekend, sharing jokes, and having conversations without him. Not long ago, he had felt like he belonged. Now, after a misunderstanding and a few rumors, he felt invisible.

That week at youth group, the leader read **Psalm 136:1**:

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever."

Jay struggled to believe it. The love and acceptance he experienced at school seemed to come and go. People changed. Friendships changed. How could any love last forever?

The leader continued with **John 4:8**:

"God is love."

She explained that God's love is different from human love. People often love based on feelings, circumstances, or what they can get in return. But love isn't just something God does—it's who He is. His love doesn't change when our situation changes.

The next week, she shared **Romans 5:8**:

"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

That verse stopped Jay in his tracks. God didn't wait for him to be perfect, popular, or successful before loving him. Jesus proved God's love by giving His life for people who didn't deserve it.

For the first time, Jay realized he had been looking to others to tell him what he was worth. But his value didn't come from a group chat, likes on social media, or the opinions of friends. His value came from being loved by God.

The next day at school, Jay noticed a new student sitting alone at lunch. Instead of focusing on his own hurt, he sat down beside him and started a conversation. As they talked, Jay felt something he hadn't felt in weeks—peace.

He learned that while friendships may fail and people may disappoint us, God's love never changes. It endures forever, it flows from His very nature, and it has already been proven through Jesus Christ.

Main Truth

God's love is eternal (Psalm 136:1), God's character is love (John 4:8), and God's love was demonstrated through Christ's sacrifice (Romans 5:8). When we understand God's love, we find our true worth in Him rather than in the approval of others

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Prayer Request

Alter Call: Looking to be baptized or rededicate life to God

Announcements: