

## CONNECTION

Seeing people deeply love one another is a beautiful thing. Is there a relationship you have always admired from a distance?

## OPENING PRAYER

## SCRIPTURE:

John 3: 16-21

## CONVERSATIONS:

- Read John 3:16 & 1 John 4:7 - 8.
  - The Bible teaches us that the force behind the universe is God, who is love. Richard Dawkins summarizes the humanist / evolutionary position that the force behind the universe is “blind, pitiless indifference.” Compare and contrast the implications (i.e. logical outworkings) of these two competing worldviews when it comes to...
    - Racism & poverty
    - Politics & environmentalism
    - The value of human life
    - The grounds for human morality & human relationships
  - What are some of the different ways that we show love to the people around us?
  - In light of 1 John 4:7 - 8, where in your own life do you find it most difficult to love others? (i.e. Is it those who are more distant to you or those who are closer to you?) Why?



- Jesus teaches us to love our enemies and do good to those who persecute you (Matthew 5:43 - 48). Have you ever actually done this? If so, how did you love them? If not, why not?
- When Jesus says that God so loved the 'world' – he means the 'world' that is in rebellion against Him. Later, Jesus teaches us to love our enemies and do good to those who persecute us (Matthew 5:43 - 48). Have you ever actually done this? If so, how did you love them? If not, why not?

\*\*\*\*\*Reminder: Ask your COMMUNITY about sponsoring a dinner for the Youth Leaders team **MEAL TRAIN**. Pick a date and a meal idea: chili, pasta, greek, or collect some funds to give for a meal to go!

**PRAYER:**

- PRAY for the George family as they grieve the loss of Gary. Pray that they would sense God's comfort as they navigate this difficult time.
- PRAY for our pastors and their families as they serve our community.
- PRAY for the Men's Leverage Pods starting this week.
- PRAY for those attending the HUB and for those that serve there. Pray that chains of addiction would be broken and that those who are open to life changes would be supported.