



PART 2: DO YOU LOVE ME?

Note to Leaders: Every Link is Different. Don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group

INTRODUCTION

Whether you have a 5 year old child or a 25 year old child, they all want to know the answer to this question: "Do you love me?" They may not ask it, but they want to know it. The question is: how do you show love to your children? Author Ray Johnston says "As kids grow older, we have to become better at reaching their heart than filling their head."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your best childhood memory? Why is that the case?
2. Children will know that you love them when: (1) you are present (give attention) (2) you express your love (3) you show them grace (unconditional love). Of these three, which one are you best at and which one can you grow in?
3. Do your kids have your attention? Or are they always competing with your work, hobbies, or even phone? What might you need to eliminate in order to give them more attention.
4. What are the different ways you express love to your children? Be specific.
5. Read Hebrews 8:12 and 1Corinthians 13:4-5. Growing up, did you have grace and unconditional love from your parents or do you have to earn it? How does that affect the way you show love to others today? How does the example of Jesus help us give grace and unconditional love.

MOVING FORWARD

"Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins." (1 Peter 4:8 NLT)

CHANGING YOUR MIND

You don't have to be the perfect parent but you have to be a present parent.