



Grow Pray Study Guide

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Monday, October 16 - A Kingdom of Love

[Matthew 13:31-32](#)

In multiple passages in the book of Matthew, Jesus uses parables to teach that the Kingdom of Heaven is not something stagnant but something that grows and develops. Jesus uses the example of a mustard seed that grows into a great tree. This tree grows so big that it provides shelter for those in need. Paul teaches the Galatians that God's Kingdom is ruled by love. What if the seed we are invited to plant is a seed of love? How could a small act of love turn into something great? When our actions show the love of God's Kingdom, even something small has the power to transform. What small act of love can you do today?

Prayer: God of love, today may my actions extend your love to others. Amen.

Tuesday, October 17 - A Law of Love

[Romans 8:1-5](#)

In Romans 8, Paul shares about the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. Paul summarizes this at the end of chapter 8 saying that nothing can separate us from the love of God. This law is a law of love. Love is how we come to know God's grace in our lives; a grace that extends forgiveness beyond all measure. Love is how we know our worth; made in the image of God - the image of love. And love connects us to others; in community, we discover that we are not alone but loved, a gift of God.

Prayer: God of love, you establish your law as love. When I know your love, I know I am given grace, I know I am worthy and I know I am never alone. Thank you for your love. Amen.

Wednesday, October 18 - A Faithful Love

[Micah 6:8](#)

The verses of the prophet Micah in this reading call us to live a life of justice, love, and humility. Unique to the CEB translation of this Scripture is the invitation to “embrace faithful love.” The story of the Israelites throughout the Old Testament is that even when they messed up and forgot God, God was still there and offered them love again and again. Micah 6:8 is a reminder not just to embrace love but to embrace steadfast and faithful love. The kind of love that God always extends to us from the beginning of time and for all eternity.

Prayer: God of love, your love is faithful and steadfast. Even as I struggle, you still love me and offer me grace. Help me to receive that grace today. Amen.

Thursday, October 19 - A Love that Reconciles

[2 Corinthians 5:19](#)

Reconcile: “cause to coexist in harmony; make or show to be compatible; to restore.” God reconciled us to God’s self through Jesus Christ. This reconciliation was a restoration of our relationship not only to God but to others as we seek forgiveness for the harm we have caused. In 2 Corinthians, Paul instructs the Corinthians that, reconciliation is not simply between us and God but an invitation to be reconciled to the world around us. In response to God’s love in our lives, we share that reconciliation with the world. We are invited today to “coexist in harmony,” with others in our world.

Prayer: God of love, your love gave us reconciliation to you. Let me not hide that love selfishly but share that love with all I meet. Amen.

Friday, October 20 - A Love to Boast About

[Galatians 6:11-16](#)

As Paul closes his letter to the Galatians he reminds them that the kind of love God extends to them is one we should boast about. We boast about things we take pride in and things we are excited to share with others. John 3:16 tells us that God loves us so much God gave us Jesus Christ. In this closing passage in Galatians, Paul tells the Galatians to boast in the cross; to boast in the sacrificial love of Jesus. We are instructed to boast in our Savior who taught us that there was “no greater love than to give one’s life for one’s friends.” When we live our lives by the law of love, we boast about the greatest love we know through Jesus Christ.

Prayer: God of love, you sent your son so we could learn to live by your love. May your love extend out from me so others may know you more. Amen.