

WEEK 4 DISCUSSION GUIDE



Our relationships with our families can sometimes feel a little bit like a way-too-competitive game night. With our families, sometimes it's fun . . . but other times, we might fight for first place, gang up on each other, betray each other, and walk away with frustration and hurt feelings. Families can be sources of joy and laughter but also stress and tension. But what if our families could be places where we could all help each other win? In this four-week series from the New Testament, we'll look at how the earliest followers of Jesus created a new kind of community as God's family. Through their example, we'll learn that **there is enough when we share what we have** — and **if there isn't enough, God provides**. We'll also learn that **our actions can speak when words aren't enough** and that **God's love is always enough**.

THIS WEEK

BIG IDEA

God's love is always enough.

BIBLE

1 John 4:7–21; Romans 13:8–10; Acts 16:25–36

- What is a game you played when you were younger that, even though the rules or game is easy, you still enjoy playing?
- What are some of your family rules? Are there some that are harder to live by than others?
- What is one thing your family doesn't know about you that you wish they did?
- On a scale of one to five (five being most difficult), how difficult is it for you to rely on God's love when your family isn't meeting your needs? Why?
- What questions do you have about when Paul says we should have no debts other than a debt of love?
- What sticks out to you about the way John is talking about how important love is?
- How could you help inspire your family this week to help look out for each other's needs?
- Read Acts 16:25–36. What does this passage tell you about what it looks like to love your people even when they are not meeting your needs?
- What is one way Jesus lived you could put into practice that could help you love your family?
- What is one step you can take today to build trust with God's love is enough for you?