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Introduction – Exposing Culture’s “Bait-&Switch”

The Bait = The word " _____ " _____ "

The Switch = _____

1 John 4:8

Admitting Our Ignorance

Why don't we know what love is?

i) Inherited _____

ii) Linguistic _____

iii) Media _____

Understanding Our Emotions

Love is not doing what makes you _____ good, but doing what _____ good, in spite of how you feel.

Emotions function as our psychological _____, designed to go up or down with our internal or external environment.

Emotions & Soul-connecting...

Confusing Adrenaline for love...

The Jesus Perspective On Love

John 13:34-35; 15:13

Matthew 5:43-48; Luke 6:27-36

Conclusion – Ultimate Love

Romans 5:8

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. After briefly reviewing this week's message, share one thing that most challenged, puzzled, or encouraged you.
2. Explore and discuss this quote from Otto Rank: "People are looking for romantic love to serve the function that religion served for their predecessors – to give life a sense of meaning and purpose."

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

3. Take a closer look at Jesus' radical teaching on enemy-love in **Luke 6:27-36**. a) How does this passage challenge our culture's current "love-is-a-feeling" theory? b) According to Jesus, what should be the relationship between love and a commitment to non-violence? c) In what ways does **verse 31** sum up the Jesus way of living? (Also see **Matthew 7:12 & Romans 13:10**.) d) What would obeying this passage look like practically in our day-to-day lives? Brainstorm some concrete examples.

SO WHAT?...

4. What about your own life? a) What is the hardest thing about enemy-love for you these days? b) What is one thing you could do this week to move toward the Jesus ideal of tangible, demonstrable enemy-love? c) Pray for each other regarding this.