

1. A perfect example of self-sacrificing love

- a) Philippians 2:5-7
- b) John 1:10-11
- c) Luke 23:33-34a
- d) Philippians 2:8-11
- e) Revelation 5:8-14
- f) What story in the Gospels impresses you as a revelation of the self-sacrificing love of Jesus?
- g) What impresses you the most as you consider the immeasurable, self-sacrificing love of Jesus?
- h) How can you help others to catch a glimpse of the self-sacrificing love of Jesus?

2. A call to commitment

- a) Matthew 4:18-20 Why do you think Simon and his brother Andrew were willing to leave everything and follow Jesus?
- b) Matthew 9:9 What might have held Matthew the tax collector back from following Jesus?
- c) Acts 9:1-6 What did Saul of Tarsus leave behind when he accepted the call to follow Jesus?
- d) Name other individuals in the New Testament who made radical breaks with their past in order to become followers of Jesus.

- e) As the apostle Paul (once called Saul) reflected back on his life, how did he describe the personal sacrifices he made when he accepted the call to follow Jesus? Philippians 3:7-8
- f) Share a time when God placed a special call on your life. What did you have to leave behind in order to respond to His call?
- g) What counsel would you give to a friend who says to you, “I think Jesus is calling me but I’m not sure I’m willing to pay the cost”?

3. Motivated by love

- a) What is the greatest motivator for making friends for God—love for God or love for people?
- b) John 21:15-19 Why was Peter grieved when Jesus kept asking him, “Do you love me?”
- c) 1 John 3:16-18 What important lessons can we learn from John’s counsel to followers of Jesus?
- d) What are some ways you have seen followers of Jesus demonstrating the love of God not only by what they say but also by what they do?
- e) What can you do to be more motivated by love when making friends for God?
- f) Share an experience when the love of God motivated you to reach out to someone in love. How did that experience impact your life?

