



## Humans need Love

Human love is messy (messed up, damaged, corrupted)  
because it is \_\_\_\_\_

LOVE IS A DRIVE WITHIN US  
THAT LEADS US TO SOMETHING BEYOND US



## Natural Love

\_\_\_\_\_ Being brokenhearted can draw us near to God.  
It isn't what God wants, but God will use it.

Our Love is \_\_\_\_\_  
God calls you to love the unlovable

Our Love is out of \_\_\_\_\_

**God's tuning fork is the shape of a cross**

This is **love**: not that we **loved** God, but that he **loved** us  
and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. (4:10)



## Complete Love

**You must be found in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**  
...if we love one another, God lives in us and God's love is made  
complete in us. (4:12)

**YOU MUST TUNE YOUR NATURAL LOVE  
TO DIVINE LOVE HIMSELF**



# ENCOUNTER GROUPS

Spiritual Growth Small Groups at Emmanuel Reformed Church



## Getting Started

How is your sense of pitch? Do you think you are tone-deaf or pitch perfect?



## What about the message?

Review the sermon together. What were the main points? What stood out to you as important? What questions did it raise for you?

For some heartbreak does lasting damage, for others it causes spiritual growth. What can be done to make the most of heartbreak?

Is there a time when heartbreak has brought you closer to God? What happened, and what lessons did you learn?

Go back to the two places where it mentions making our love complete: **1 John 4:12 & 17**. According to this passage, how is our love made complete? In real life, what does this look like?



## Going deeper

Read: **John 15:9-13** - How do we remain in Christ' love? What do you think the connection is between God's commands and God's love?

Read **Ephesians 5:1-10** verse 2 says, "live a life of love" and talks of Christ - then the verse gets more detailed. What do you learn from this passage? How can you obey verse 10?

In completing our love we are to be Christ and in Community. What does obedience to Jesus' words in **John 13:34-35** look like?



## Something to do:

March 6 - Ash Wednesday - is the start of Lent. What can you give up so you can give more to others?