

WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW

Love Meets Needs

1 Corinthians 12:21-26

Message Reflection Guide

A valid need is one that God has met in our lives and admonishes us to meet in the lives of others through the expression of Great Commandment love. As we love God and freely receive from him, we are to freely give to others. God is Jehovah-Jireh, our provider. He has promised to meet all our needs, and he has chosen to do so through our families, friends, and church communities as we love God and allow him to share his life through us. That's what Great Commandment love does: It meets valid relational needs from the resources God freely supplies.

- David Ferguson, *The Great Commandment Principle*

CONVERSATION STARTER

What are some books or movies that speak to the human desire to be with other people?

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES

Read 1 Corinthians 12:21-26

Brandon said, "**Loving God will help us identify and meet needs of others around us.**" How does God's love point us to love others? Explain the significance of verse 21 in our passage.

Comfort provides strength, hope and can ease pain from grief. How have you received comfort from others? How does this comfort compare to God's comfort?

Appreciation recognizes another person and shows your gratitude towards them. What prevents you from showing appreciation to others? What scriptures show God's appreciation for his Son, Jesus?

Support is coming alongside someone, gently helping them to carry a problem or struggle. How did you feel the last time you needed support but did not receive it? Read Galatians 6:2. How does bearing one another's burdens fulfill the law?

MAKING IT REAL

The family and the Church provide safety where love is expressed to meet valid relational needs. God's desire is that every relationship provides a deep, loving intimacy with himself and others. This is a reflection of the gospel! How can you play an active part in reflecting the gospel by meeting relational needs and/or having your relational needs met?