

Rush CREEK LOVES.

Rush Creek Loves Week 1

MAIN OBJECTIVE: Understand the new vision statement and identify ways to step into it.

KEEP IN MIND: The goal is NOT to try and get through all the questions, but to have a meaningful discussion. Go through and think about which questions will land and spark the most conversation with those in your group.

INTRO: Review the vision statement

- The new vision statement is: *Rush Creek Loves helping people find and follow Jesus.*

READ 1 John 4:19

- How does this verse relate to our vision statement?
- According to this verse, what is the reason for our ability to love?
- In what ways have you personally experienced the love of God in your own life?
- How has the love of God transformed the way you relate to others?

READ Matthew 22:37-39

- What does it look like for you to love God with your heart, your soul, and your mind?
- What struggles or sins get in the way of you loving God?
- How can you take a step deeper in loving God in each of the three areas?
- What does it practically look like for you to love others?

READ Matthew 28:19-20

- What does this Great Commission from Jesus tell us our role is as Christ-followers?
- What hesitations do you feel in participating in making disciples?
- How can you take a step deeper in being a disciple who helps make more disciples?

DISCUSSION

- What obstacles make it challenging for you to live out the new vision statement?
- How can we as a small group live out the vision statement together?

DIGGING DEEPER

- Who has God placed in your life to love through the various spheres of influence you have?
- How can you take a step toward demonstrating the love of God to them?
- What is one thing you can put into practice this week to love God more deeply?
- What regular rhythms of prayer can you establish to seek out how God is inviting you to help others find and follow Him?

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CHALLENGE:

- Take time this week to memorize 1 John 4:19. Spend time in prayer asking God to remind you of His love for you and show you how you can love the people around you.

CLOSING PRAYER:

- Praise God for His great love. Ask Him for wisdom in living out the new vision statement together.