

## JESUS AT THE CENTER

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*Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 1 John 4:7,8 NLT*

*The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. Galatians 5:6 NIV*

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*He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.” Luke 10:27 NIV*

*...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28 NIV*

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*While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!” Matthew 17:5 NIV*

*Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.*

**Luke 24:27 NLT**

*You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me! Yet you refuse to come to me to receive this life.* **John 5:39,40 NLT**

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.* **John 1:1,14 NIV**

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*Dear friends, since God loves us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and His love is brought to full expression in us.* **1 John 4:11,12 NLT**

*God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.*  
**1 John 4:16b NLT**

*Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment for you; rather it is an old one you have had from the very beginning. This old commandment—to love one another—is the same message you heard before.* **1 John 2:7 NLT**

## **QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS //**

- *How do you define love?*
- *What's it mean to read the Bible through the lens of Jesus?*
- *What's at the center of your life? What's your life 'orbit' around?*
- *Is it possible to Love Always? How?*
- *How would you describe the way Jesus loved others in Scripture?*
- *How do you love others?*

## **BOOK RECOMMENDATION //**

*Everybody Always* by Bob Goff