

## **The Unstoppable Church – “You are Loved”**

- How did you respond to the last person who told you that they loved you?
- What’s the upside to spending time reflecting on the fact that someone loves you enough to say it?

Dig In!

**When you hear the words “You are loved” ... you must believe that God loves you unconditionally (John 3:16; Roman 5:8; Galatian 2:20; 1 John 4:10)**

- How can you tell if someone believes they are loved unconditionally? How does experiencing unconditional love from God affect your response to him?
- Why might people get the impression from Christians that God’s love is earned or deserved? How can we counter this and demonstrate instead that we are loved unconditionally?

**...which makes it possible for you to love him in return (1 John 2:15; 4:19; 5:3)**

- Many people claim to respect God by identifying with a religious label, yet they don’t actually love God. Do you love God back? How do you show your love for him?
- Do we love God unconditionally, or conditionally? Look up 1 John 4:19. What are some of the things God has done for you, first, to make it possible for you to love him?

**...and, as a result, to love your fellow believers (John 13:35; 1 John 4:7-8; 4:11; 4:20-21)**

- God is the one who has created the condition for us to love others. What goes wrong in the church when we look for other Christians to create the condition for us to love them? How can we encourage greater expressions of love between believers at Harvest?

**... and those who live on the margins of society (Matthew 25:34-40; Luke 18:16; James 1:27)**

- How do we overcome our fears so that we can become more lovingly involved with “fringe” people God puts us close to? Is there someone you’ve been neglecting to love because they are already marginalized? What does it look like to love him or her?

**...and even your enemies (Luke 6:27-36; 10:25-37)**

- How do you begin expressing love in a practical way to someone who hates you? What support do we need to give a brother or sister who has this challenge?

Break Out!

- What is the work we need to ask God to do first, so that we can respond with love for him and others in these situations given above? What might God want to do in response to our bold prayers to help us love him and others even more than we do right now?

