

# MESSAGE DISCUSSION GUIDE

4 ?s // Week 1 // Do You Love Me?

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## ICEBREAKER

What was your favorite childhood game?

## KEY SCRIPTURE

*"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity."* 1 Timothy 4:12

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### BE PRESENT

1. What is the difference between being at a particular place physically and being present in that place?
2. How has the consistent presence of someone in your life helped you grow? How would that situation have been different if that person had not been reliable?
3. What role does our attitude play regarding our presence in a situation?

### BE GRACIOUS

4. **Read Ephesians 4:2** Have you ever heard someone gloat about their apparent success or lack of struggle, yet known they were not telling the truth. How did this make you feel towards yourself? Towards the other person?
5. How important does authenticity rank on your list of character qualities in a person/friend?

6. **Read Hebrews 8:12 and 1 Peter 4:8** Have you ever been on the receiving end of a grudge? How does the power of forgiveness free us from the record of wrong doing?

### BE UNCONDITIONAL

7. Have you ever been shown unconditional love through a difficult circumstance?
8. **Read John 8:44** Why does the enemy lie to us to make us think that those who truly love, individuals we know we can trust, would disown us if they knew the truth about our struggles?
9. What's the difference between judging someone and showing them tough love?
10. Why is it important that our leaders, mentors, and those that we look up to, set an example for us? What credibility does this give them?

## PRAYER

Pray about being an example for the kids in your life. Ask God to show you who those kids are if you do not have your own, and ask Him to help show you practical ways you can put these steps into practice today.

## CHALLENGE

If you have your own kids, we challenge you this week to ask them how well you are doing in these three areas: *Being Present*, *Being Gracious*, and *Being Unconditional*. Be open to hearing feedback. The point of this conversation will be to help you identify ways you can grow as a leader and help them feel more loved.