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Song:

LORD IT FEELS GOOD

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Theme

God’s Love, Freedom In Christ, Humility

Objective

Students will explore the authentic love of God and begin to discern more how they can spend time with the Lord in order to be filled with His love and then go share that love with others around them by living a virtuous life.

Warm Up

Faith In Action–

Before the session, prepare short biographies of various faithful men and women who lived lives of generosity, love, and virtue. Print each story and attach it to a large index card.

Give each student (or small group) one of these stories to read quietly for about five minutes. Then, on the back of the card, have them write answers to the following:

- What message does this person’s life communicate?
- How did they bring Christ to others?

Have students take turns sharing their stories and answers with the group. They will “popcorn” to the next person, allowing them to guide the flow of conversation.

Transition

- What common themes did you notice in these stories?
- How did these people model the love of God in their lives?
- What impact can a person of faith, love, and virtue have on the community around them?

The Song

We’re going to listen to the song “Lord It Feels Good” by TobyMac. As we do, listen to the words of the song and reflect on the love of God.

Play “Lord It Feels Good” by TobyMac.

Transition

The Scriptures remind us in **John 3:16** that God lives out perfect love for all of us in His humility and death on the cross. The godly men and women we explored in the beginning of this study lived out love through their sacrifices, sufferings, and joys. While each of us have seen the example of God’s perfect love, we respond to His love and reflect His love in different ways throughout our lives.

Bible Study

Let’s spend time today looking at a series of scripture passages pertaining to love.

As we read these passages, we will respond to the same three questions.

Read **1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

- What does this scripture passage say authentic love is?
- What does this scripture passage say is necessary for authentic love to exist?
- How does authentic love lead to true freedom?

Read **Matthew 5:43-48**

- What does this scripture passage say authentic love is?
- What does this scripture passage say is necessary for authentic love to exist?
- How does authentic love lead to true freedom?

Read **Romans 5**

- What does this scripture passage say authentic love is?
- What does this scripture passage say is necessary for authentic love to exist?
- How does authentic love lead to true freedom?

Wrap Up

God first models love in His perfect sacrifice of Himself on the cross so that we may go on to love others as well.

As we grow in virtue and our relationship with the Lord, we continue to grow in love for one another and freedom in Christ. This is a beautiful experience and a true gift from the Lord.

Ask students to reflect on the love of God in their life—through family, friends, and even strangers.

- How does this love transform you?
- How can you actively share God’s love with others this week?

Let us pray, “*Lord, we thank you and we praise you. You are all good and deserving of our gratitude. Thank you for loving us. Thank you for your sacrifice on the cross. Thank you for the opportunities that you give to us each day to love one another. You are mighty and good, Lord, and we offer you our continuous praise. Let us go out into the world this week and shine your light on others by following your example of loving everyone whom we encounter. Amen*”

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