

STUDY QUESTIONS FOR *Coming Home, Part 4: Family Love*

Introduction

1. Have you ever been in a circumstance where you were completely alone? How did it make you feel?
2. Name some situations where people may be with others and yet feel completely alone. Why does this happen?
3. What kinds of things do people do to avoid feeling alone?

John 14:16

1. Name some situations where people help one another in notable ways. Why do people do this?
2. Define companionship. What is the difference between companionship and love? Do they overlap, and if so, how?
3. List some differences between human and divine companionship.

John 14:17

1. Please explain how a holy, infinite being can dwell within a sinful, limited being. [cue sound of crickets]
2. What changes in people's lives would you expect to happen the moment they realize that God has loved them with an everlasting love? Have you had this experience yourself? What happened in your life?
3. Share an experience, if you dare, of looking for divine love from a human source. How did that work out?
4. What kinds of attitudes can block our experience of the love of God?

John 14:18

1. What are the implications of having Christ go with us wherever we go? How does it affect us? How does it affect others?
2. Name some devotional materials which equate divine love with romantic love? Do you agree or disagree with this?
3. Name some areas in today's church which seem to be lacking in the awareness of divine love.
4. Name some areas in today's church where love seems to have stomped on truth.

John 14:19

1. Relate some stories of those who discovered the energy of divine love as they came to Christ.
2. What are the evidences of divine life in the ministries of believers?
3. Describe notable examples from church history if you can.

2 Peter 1:9; 2 Corinthians 13:5

1. How would you counsel someone who seems to be lacking in the energy of divine life?
2. How exactly do you "test yourself to see if you are in the faith?"