

GODTM MOTHER'S DAY

WORSHIP

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-13, a passage defining Christian love.

FELLOWSHIP

What's your favorite movie genre and why?

DISCUSSION

1. What stuck out to you from the sermon on Sunday? What were some takeaways?
2. Read Hosea 11:1-4 – Here God likens the nation of Israel, His people, to His child that He called from Egypt (the Exodus).

In this passage, what images does Hosea give us for how God treats His people?

In your own life, where have you observed God's "cords of kindness" (NIV translation) and "ties of love"?

Verses 2-3 describe how Israel rebelled against God with their idolatry (v. 2), and forgetfulness(v.3). In what ways do we turn to other gods and forget God's past love for us?

3. Read Hosea 11:5-11

How our God's people treating Him at this time (see v. 5-7)? And what is His response?

In verse 9, God gives the reason for His long-suffering compassion on Israel: He is not like us. Flip to 1 Jn. 4:8. What comfort does it give us that God's love is "subject-generated, not object-elicited" as Mike said?

Many of us live feeling shameful for how we treat God. How does God's compassion, love and His promise to "settle us" (v. 11) transform our shame?

PRAYER

Feel free to share prayer requests, and give thanks to God for a love that does not cease when its object turns away. Feel free to recite this prayer from The Valley of Vision:

"Gracious Lord, Thy name is love, in love receive my prayer. My sins are more than the wide sea's sand, but where sin abounds, there is grace more abundant. Look to the cross of thy beloved Son, and view the preciousness of his atoning blood; Listen to his never-failing intercession, and whisper to my heart "Thy sins are forgiven, be of good cheer, lie down in peace." Grace cataracts from heaven and flows forever, and mercy never wearies in bestowing benefits."

