

God's At War 3 (god of love)
Discussion Guide, June 20, 2021

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. – John 6:35

- How did you come to Jesus as the bread of life this past week?
- Does anyone have any reflections on our study so far?

OPEN by PRAYER

WATCH THE VIDEO and ASK: God of Pleasure

- Do you have any initial response to the video this week?
- Romantic love is one of our culture's favorite sources of significance.
 - o What promises have you perhaps believed about finding the perfect romantic partner?
 - o What is our culture's answer for when the thrill is gone in a relationship? Does it set up realistic expectations?
 - o Have you sought your "completion" in another person? If so, how did it go?
- If sexualized love is a primary place people seek meaningful connection, family is a close second.
 - o How can family be a false god? How do we reconcile that with what the Bible does say about the family?
 - o Has anyone ever experienced a relationship where you were the center of someone else's world?
 - o Have you made someone else the center of your world and lived for their approval?
 - How are the topics of the previous two questions a recipe for disappointment?

READ and ASK: John 4:7-18

- Where have you sought most to "find love"?
- How do you need to come to Jesus as the living water to find true satisfaction?

APPLY: Read Psalm 32 as you lead into application time.

- What person or people matter most to you?
 - o Is there a relationship in your life that seems to be the determining factor in whether or not you are happy and joyful or sad and depressed?
- Who do you sacrifice most for? Do you sacrifice as much for Christ as you do for them?
- Can you find signs of "disordered love" in your family relationships? How would a deeper worship of God affect these symptoms?
- NEXT STEP(S): In light of everything discussed in the sermon and in today's video, what action do you need to take?

Segregated questions: (for these questions, consider dividing up by gender)

- Are you disappointed in your love life? Have you tried to find satisfaction elsewhere?
- If you are experiencing sexual dissatisfaction, are you turning to anyone or anything other than God to fill that void?

- Does anyone have something coming up this week where you know you may be tempted to drift into fantasy or other sexual temptation?

Memory Work:

whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." – John 4:14