

## Relationship Revolution

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### “Understanding 5 ways we speak love”

Just because someone doesn't love you the way you want them to, doesn't mean they don't love you with all that they have.

~Author Unknown

“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”

1 John 3:18

#### 1. Speak with words of \_\_\_\_\_.

Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down, but a good word makes it glad.

Proverbs 12:25 (NASB)

Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

Ephesians 4:29 (NASB)

#### 2. Every Relationship grows stronger with \_\_\_\_\_.

Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NASB)

But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Him and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me.”

Luke 10:40 (NASB)

#### 3. Who doesn't like a \_\_\_\_\_?

Receiving a gift is like getting a rare gemstone; any way you look at it, you see beauty refracted.

Proverbs 17:8 (MSG)

#### 4. \_\_\_\_\_ can sometimes speak louder than words.

So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined *at the table* again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.

John 13:12-15 (NASB)

#### 5. Hold my hand, pat my back... something, anything! It's important to understand the power of \_\_\_\_\_.

One day children were brought to Jesus in the hope that he would lay hands on them and pray over them. The disciples shooed them off. But Jesus intervened: “Let the children alone, don't prevent them from coming to me. God's kingdom is made up of people like these.” After laying hands on them, he left.

Matthew 19:13-15 (MSG)

Announcements:

Would you like to know more about Awaken, our story, our vision, or plans for the future? Please join us for Growth Track 1.0 and 2.0 Sunday, March 16th at 5:30. Check at the New Here Table for more info...

Movie Under the Stars... Bring your lawn chair and blanket and join us March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM at City Hall in North Port for a free family night as we show Disney's latest animated film, Frozen. This is the perfect opportunity for you to invest in and invite your friends!

## Life Group Study Questions

### 1. Read Proverbs 12:18

Even if Words of Affirmation is not your natural love language, everyone is impacted universally by this love language or the lack thereof... what are ways you can

### 2. Re-read the story of Mary and Martha...

Martha showed her love language through her acts of service and Mary through face-to-face time? Who do you most relate to... Mary or Martha?

Sometimes we have to break out of our natural love language in order to cease the moment... name a time when you missed a moment in one of your relationships because you like Martha failed to cease the moment.

### 3. So many times we equate gifts with money... what are some creative ways that we can be a gifter without breaking the bank?

### 4. People tend to criticize those closest to them most loudly in the area where they themselves have the deepest emotional need. How can we better communicate our need without being a nag or getting angry at the lack of the need being met?

If your loved ones love language is acts of service, ask them to tell you the daily acts of service that would really speak love to him or her. Seek to work these into your daily schedule. "Little things" really do mean a lot.

### 5. Talk about the power of touch. What are some memorable moments in your life that a simple hug or a pat on the back spoke more than words could have?