



# DIGGING DEEPER



4. Read the following passages and discuss whether or not God kept his word to his people?

Person	God's word	God's action
Moses	Exodus 3:7-8	Exodus 14:21-31
David	1 Samuel 16:1, 12-13	2 Samuel 5:4
Jesus	Genesis 3:14-15 2 Samuel 7:12-16 Isaiah 53:3-6 Micah 5:2	Luke 2:10-11 John 1:14 John 19:28-37 John 20:19-20

5. How was God active in each of these scenarios?

*The great hope and assurance we have as Christians is that God keeps his word. John 3:16 says "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." When God says "I love you", it is, always has, and always will be shown in his actions.*

*In Jesus, God not only demonstrates his love for us, he sets the standard for how we should love others.*

Read 1 John 3:16-18

6. What does verse 16 say that love is?

7. What response in verse 16 are we told to have?



8. Verse 17 immediately gives us an example of what a life of love in action looks like. In what ways does helping those in need reflect the love that Christ showed us?

9. Why is it so important to love others? Consider the question John asks in verse 17.

10. Why does John appeal to us to not love in "words or speech, but with actions and in truth"?

11. Are words bad?

12. How should we use our words?



# REFLECTION

*When God said "I love you", they were not empty words. He sent us Jesus. Now God's love continues to be expressed in the life of his people who take love to a world in desperate need of it. As we demonstrate sacrificial love to those around us we point others to the God who always keeps his word.*

13. Do your words match up with your actions? Do you say you love Jesus but sometimes fail to show the love of Jesus to others?

14. How can you love others sacrificially?

15. How can you sacrificially love your  
• community • friends • church • family  
in a way that shows the love of God is in you?

16. Who is someone you could tell the gospel to and how could you love that person in a practical way?  
Spend some time praying for all those you know of who are in need and ask God to give you opportunities to love them in a way that will bring life.



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