



# PETER

*THE DISCIPLE MAKER*

**Daily Devotions and Small Group Discussion Questions | Week Five**

## This Week's Memory Verse

..to keep in your pocket, memorize, and hide in your heart:

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly,  
since love covers a multitude of sins

- 1 Peter 4:8 (ESV)

## Week Five, Day One

### Scripture Reading

1 Peter 4:8-11

### Devotional Reading

Love, perhaps more than any other topic, is one on which people have much to say:

“All you need is love.”

“I don’t care too much for money, ‘cause money can’t buy me love.”

“Seems that all I really was doing was waiting for love.”

And that’s just the Beatles.

Isn’t it telling that love is the centerpiece of so much of our literature, music and movies? It speaks to what we already intuitively know - that love is at the heart of why we were created and how we are meant to interact with one another.

Peter begins today’s reading with the charge: “Above all, keep loving one another earnestly.” There are many helpful instructions for how we should interact as God’s family, but above them all is the need for active, genuine love.

The notion of love is quite complex, yet Peter mentions several specific actions that express how we are to love as members of the family of God: prayer, hospitality and using our gifts to serve each other. We were created to be in relationships of giving and receiving love... “in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

Let us love in ways that bring him glory!

### Faith In Action

Think over the course of your life, and write down five defining moments where you felt earnestly loved by another person. What about their actions or words blessed you? Write a note or think of a creative way to thank these people for loving you genuinely and bringing glory to God through their love.

### Today’s Prayer

God, thank you so much for your earnest, steadfast love for me. I fear that I am not even close to comprehending how deep it really is. Thank you for the people you’ve placed in my life that have shown me glimpses of your love and glory. Enable me to care for others and be the loving person you created me to be.