

*Bill Warrick, Your First Love*

Time		Questions	Answers
10	<b>Hook</b>	<i>Use this question to engage group members in conversation with an introduction question that helps them get to know each other better.</i>	
	1	Share about your “first love” from childhood. It doesn’t have to be someone to whom you actually said “I Love You,” but someone that lead you to childhood infatuation.	
10	<b>Book</b>	<p data-bbox="302 789 1094 873"><i>Use these questions to set the tone for the study and give group members a background in the text you will be studying.</i></p> <p data-bbox="302 873 1094 1078">2 What type of things do we use the word, “love” to refer to today? What were the three main uses for love in Jesus’ day? (Hint: There were three different Greek words used for each meaning.)</p> <p data-bbox="302 1078 1094 1281">3 The two images of Jesus after his ascension are a) him sitting at the right hand of God the father and b) walking among the lamp stands. What is the symbolic meaning of those two descriptions?</p> <p data-bbox="302 1281 1094 1481">4 How bright is your lamp stand this week?</p>	

25	<b>Look</b>	<i>Use these questions as entry points into the passage of scripture.</i>	
	4	Read Revelation 2:1-7. List the 7 things for which Jesus commends the church in Ephesus? What is significant about Jesus then only naming <b>one</b> thing <i>against</i> the church? How do we know from the text that the one thing outweighs the seven things?	
	6	Read Luke 10:38-42. How do you think Martha expected Jesus to respond to her request? What does Jesus reveal about the way he views work vs. worship?	
	5	Read 1 John 3:11-20. What is the relationship between loving God and loving others? What is wrong with thinking that these are two completely different concepts? How do we love God and others according to this passage?	
	7	Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3. Love is compared to several spiritual activities. What are some more contemporary illustrations of Christian activities that can be conflated and elevated above loving God and others?	

<b>15</b>	<b><u>Took</u></b>	Use these questions to help the group take the meaning and apply it to their lives in tangible ways. Applications can be cognitive (change my thinking), behavioral (change my actions), or emotional (change my feelings). Be sure to turn these applications into prayer requests for the upcoming week as you close the study.	
	<b>8</b>	Who is Jesus' first love? How does he not forsake us as his first love? How can we know if we have forsaken Jesus' as our first love?	
	<b>9</b>	How does the text suggest we cultivate "romance" in our love for Jesus? What is the danger of our hard work in ministry keeping us from this work of loving God?	
	<b>10</b>	This critique is levied against the church: "The church has created great sermons, great programs, and great youth groups, but the people have not grown in love for each other." How could you paraphrase it to apply to our families, or our marriages?	

<b><u>Pray</u></b>	Pray for a renewed "romance" with Jesus Christ this week. Continue to ask God to reveal himself in new ways to you this year. Pray for new commitments, new encounters, and new relationships this week. Pray for Bill as he enters his last month of chemotherapy	
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