



## 10 Things I Hate About You, Or Maybe It's Just Me

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Group Discussion Guide

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### WEEK 5

*Love isn't about powering up, it's about stepping down.*

#### READ

**4** Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. **5** It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **6** Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. **7** It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 1 Cor. 13: 4-7

#### RESPOND

1. Love is not: *self-seeking, easily angered, and keeps no record of wrong.* First and foremost, this is the kind of love that Jesus has for you. When you mess up do you see God as being selfless, gentle, and patient with you? If yes, how so? If not, how do you think he responds?
2. Pastor Kyle shared that following Jesus' example for how to love others in our relationships does not make us capable, but accountable. What is one thing you need to be held accountable to in your relationships right now?
3. Read John 14:26 and consider Pastor Kyle's quote, "To follow Jesus, you must learn to deal with what's inside of you before it comes out of you." Jesus says that God gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us do things we aren't capable of doing on our own. What do you think about the Holy Spirit? *Weird? Wonderful? Not sure? Pass?*
4. Read the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. If you know anything about growing fruit or orchards, how do you get fruit to ripen and mature? How can this apply to the fruit that the Holy Spirit produces in us?

#### REALITY

*Love is about becoming someone who loves others well.*

### **DO THE STUFF: When You Can't Seem Keep Calm and Carry On.**

Say these words: *Jesus, you say that you help me when I can't help myself. Will you do that for me this week when I am tempted to be selfish, lash out, or hold a grudge?*

Think this thought: *When I think of others higher than myself, I am being like Jesus. And that's a dang, good thing.*

Pray this verse or pick your own promise to memorize: *Lord, thank you for the Holy Spirit that helps me become the kind of loving person you ask me to be.*

### **PRAY**

Before you close your time together, share one specific area you'd like God to help you with relationally. Close in prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to practically speak and show up in the way that you need.