



Series Overview

When Jesus was on earth, he had a lot to say about love, but not everyone loved him in return. Regardless of the fact that Jesus' opponents hated him, attacked him, and saw him as extreme and dangerous, he chose love and to live his life FOR others. The things Jesus taught about loving God and loving others challenged the status quo and changed the world forever. In this 4-week series from the book of James, we'll look at four ways Jesus invites us to love according to his revolutionary example. These ideas might seem simple, but when we choose to **listen more than we speak, refuse to play favorites, watch our words, and fight for peace**, we'll learn how we can live each day FOR the bay.

Week 1

- **Scripture:** James 1:19-21; Psalm 15; Luke 10:25-28
- **Summary:** We're looking at how to love others and be for the bay through James' instructions to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

Week 2

- **Scripture:** James 2:1-17; Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Romans 2:11
- **Summary:** We're looking at how to love others and be for the bay through James' instructions on how to treat everyone with equity.

Week 3

- **Scripture:** James 3:1-12; Mark 7:1-8; Luke 6:27-28
- **Summary:** We're looking at how to love others and be for the bay through James' instructions about the power of the tongue.

Week 4

- **Scripture:** James 3:16-18; 4:1-3; Matthew 5:9; Hebrews 12:14a

Summary: We're looking at how to love others and be for the bay through James' instructions to be peacemakers through conflict.

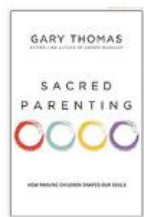
Tip of the Month

Have you ever found yourself feeling frustrated because your teenager doesn't consistently seem to open up with you in conversation? Having conversations with teenagers can be complicated. The structure that leads to a great conversation one day may be a complete dud the next. There is no one solution that will work every time. . . but there are some [really helpful tips](#) that are worth trying this week.

Spiritual Practice of the Month

Living FOR the Bay and FOR one another often asks us to do things that are out of our comfort zone or may cause others to look differently at us. As students, this can be even more challenging because they are constantly wondering if they will be accepted by their peers. As we invite students to live in a way that reflects Jesus' love to the world around them, we are going to encourage life groups to practice accountability. Each week, life groups will end with one thing they are going to commit to doing in the coming week and then they will talk about it the following week. With this, we hope students will see that accountability can be a practice that helps us grow, encourage one another, and become more like Jesus.

Resource of the Month



Parenting is complicated. The lessons we teach (and lessons we learn) are not always what we expect. There are many resources that discuss how parents change their children, but [SACRED PARENTING](#) turns the tables to talk about how God uses children to change their parents.