

Week 2

Value: Creating Community

Welcome

Name one thing that makes you feel loved.

Name one thing that makes you feel unloved.

Worship

Remember the things God has done which show that he loves you — share these with the group. Either thank him for these things, or worship him by singing or playing a chorus with the theme of thanking God for his love for us.

Word

Read 1 John 3:16-24.

Make a list of the things these verses tell us to do.

Ask the group to list the times when they can remember these things being done in the church.

What does it mean to “lay down our lives for our brothers”?

Spend some quiet time seeing if “our hearts condemn us” (verse 20).

As a group, or in pairs, confess aloud the things that come to your mind, ask God for forgiveness if necessary and be accountable to each other in trying to change. Pray for each other, asking God to help you to do these things.

Witness

Read John 13:35.

Jesus says that our especially loving community will have an impact on unbelievers.

If God is asking us to be marked by our love for one another, how can we achieve this in the cell?