



First Love

1. What's your favourite song with the word 'love' in the title?
Why do you think so many songwriters focus on love as their subject matter?

'Love' in the early Christian sense, is something you *do*, giving hospitality & practical help to those in need. That was the chief mark of the early church. Love of this kind, reflecting God's own self-giving love for them, was both the best expression of, and the best advertisement for, faith in this God. (Tom Wright)

2. Do you agree that love is primarily something you do?
Do you agree that love is the best advertisement for faith in God?
What are some of the implications of your answers for how we engage with evangelism?

'God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them'. (1 John 4:16)

3. To what extent is it possible to 'live in love' without having an expressed faith in Jesus?
What are some of the implications of your answer for how we view discipleship? And salvation?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. Which of these qualities of love would you say you need most help in developing, & how do you think God might work on this with you?