

**Potential Discussion Questions**  
**Message: Engage JOY, Pt 7 (5-14-17)**  
**Abounding Love**

1. How is love best expressed to you? How is it most natural for you to demonstrate love?  
(If you are familiar with Gary Chapman's *The 5 Love Languages*, those categories might be helpful, but feel free to make up your own.)
2. What are ways you know or evidence love that is overflowing & getting richer & richer?
3. Discuss the boundaries of love that Paul prays about - *true knowledge & discernment*. How do you establish these borders? Can you think of a specific example of the good that comes with borders and the damage created without them? Why might Paul have chosen these words rather than something else to guide our love?
4. Do you have pain or grief from giving or receiving "borderless love"? It might be a good time to pray for God's healing and restoration.
5. Verses 10-11 make clear properly bounded love will bring about the ability to distinguish and determine what is of greatest value. How do you see this working out in your life? Why is this connection between proper love and approving excellent things significant?
6. How would you evaluate your heart/life with respect to the 3 results Paul speaks of (sincere, blameless, fruitful)? How would you explain these qualities? How might you assess their presence or absence in your life? Is there anything that you need to give some special attention?
7. What practical difference(s) does it make to see that God's gracious and loving work in and through us is for Him first (to His glory) and the benefits to us, while many, are still secondary?
8. What in this passage would you like to discuss that hasn't been covered?
9. What in this study will make the greatest difference in your life this week?