**Discussion Questions:**

**Love Was Made For Me and You**

**Opening**: What is the best piece of advice your Mother or Father ever gave you?

**Read: Matthew 22:34-40**

**Explore it:**

What does verse 34 mean/imply that Jesus had “silenced” the Sadducees?

Who were the Sadducees and how or what did they have to do with the Pharisees?

In verse 35, what was the purpose of the question asked of Jesus?

What was Jesus’ response to the question?

What important addition did Jesus make to his answer in vs. 39?

In Jesus’ eyes, how important were these two principals he gave as a response to this question?

**Get It:**

How do you feel when someone asks you a question when you’re pretty confident they already know the answer?

What does it mean to “love your neighbor as yourself?”

Is it easy to keep our focus on what really matters in God’s plans and purposes for us? What can we do to help keep our focus where it needs to be?

**Apply it:**

“Will they see God for Who He really is, in what they see in you and me?” is a question asked in a song by Steven Curtis Chapman that every follower of Jesus needs to ask themselves on a daily basis.

What are some ways that we let Christ be seen in us, daily?

**On Your Own:** **Spend some time reflecting and praying through your response to the question, “Will they see God for Who He really is, in what they see in you”** **in the various parts of your life**: **your home, your career, your education, your entertainment and recreation, your finances, your passions and hobbies, your social media accounts, your faith-walk, your relationships with family, church, friends, neighbors as well as strangers you randomly happen to meet.**

**After spending time in reflection on the above question, read** **John 15:9-14** and pray Jesus’ command to love like He does as a priority in all aspects of your life. When we obey this command...we can be confident, “They will see God for who He really is...in you...when you love like Jesus!”