

# Real Love - Luke 7:40-47

(This message is online at: [nwbcspringfield.com](http://nwbcspringfield.com)) - Use this listening guide as you watch the video worship services online. This will also have questions you can use with your connect group.

God - Personally, Powerfully, Passionately – He loves you with an unfailing love – He gives you a love worth giving...

“Don’t think \_\_\_\_\_ you don’t want Jesus to hear....”

Here’s what she did have – – she had \_\_\_\_\_ – God’s love

Real \_\_\_\_\_ live lives of love – \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_ love; this love is visible, tangible, practical and sacrificial.....

we can’t \_\_\_\_\_ what we’ve never \_\_\_\_\_ – If we’ve never received love, how can we love others?

Could it be that the first step of love is not :

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The secret to \_\_\_\_\_ is living  
\_\_\_\_\_.

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always preserves. Love never fails”

### **CONNECT GROUP**

**ICEBREAKER**—Do you get a live Christmas tree at Christmas time? - If so, how long does it last, and what does the tree look like when the season is over? (the point is without roots it becomes dangerous)

**APPLY THE BIBLE** Have someone read Ephesians 4:32—5:2—What three commands does God give us in verse 32? What example does he provide to show how we are to obey these commands?

Q1. What did Pastor Paul mean by “our relationships need more than a social gesture?”

Q2. What does the phrase “living loved” mean to you? Are you living loved? Explain.

Q3. Read Luke 7:47—What principle did Jesus develop in verse 47? How does this principle relate to you? Explain

Q4. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8—and read them with your name in the place of the word “Love” - How far did you get? What are the areas that need the most work?

Q5. Have you practiced saying these words to yourself “God loves you, and God loves me, and I love you?” Has that made a difference for you this week?

#### **A LITTLE LOVE HOMEWORK:**

- Think of a person closest to you (whether spouse, friend, child, parent, etc.). Periodically throughout one entire day, take a little notepad, and list the reasons why this person is so close to you. Why do you love him or her? Then at the end of the day, make another list by responding to the question: “How can I do a better job of showing love to this person? Last, before the end of the week, begin doing at least one of the things you wrote on the second list.

#### **CHANCE TO SERVE**

Have you and your group determined how you will serve during LOVE WEEK? Discuss what kinds of events would fit your Group. Yes, you can participate in more than one

outreach if that works for your Group! Thank you for your hearts of compassion towards our “neighbors.”