Icebreaker

What's a song title with the word "love" in it?

Read Romans 8:35-39

Have there ever been seasons in your life where you felt separated from God's love? How does verse 35 stand against that?

Verse 35 lets us know that no trial or hardship can separate us from God's love. Sometimes we may think because God allows certain things to take place He doesn't love us. However, verse 35 helps us understand that God always uses these moments to show us His love.

How can verse 37 be applied to our everyday lives? How big of a role does the Holy Spirit play in verse 37?

We must understand that the Holy Spirit gives us endurance to go through hardship and withstand the temptation of backing down. Through the strength of the Holy Spirit we can face any challenge.

Read 1 John 4:7-12, 17-18

Who is the source of love? How does our demonstration of love reflect our relationship with God?

God is the source of love. His greatest demonstration of love is sending His Son Jesus to be sacrificed for us.

We can demonstrate our relationship with God by loving others. People can see God's love brought to completion through us.

How does loving one another reflect the truth of Christianity to our community?

Loving others reflects our faith in who God is and what God did for us according to John 3:16. When we love our enemies and those who do us wrong we are demonstrating God's love for the lost.

How has the love of Christ caused you love others? Why is it often hard to love everyone?

It can be very difficult to love our enemies because they seem undeserving of it. However, we must remember that we were once enemies of God, but through Jesus we were brought into God's family.

What are some ways we can actively show the love of Christ to one another?

Speak the truth, encourage one another, share our resources, etc.