



## You know you're in love when....

### Welcome

On Sunday we heard inspirational stories about what God has been doing in people's lives. Share what God has been teaching you recently or how you are growing in your faith.

### Word

Following Jesus is not about a perfect life but about living a life *with* Jesus.

#### **Read Philippians 3:7-9 msg and Matt 13:44**

Paul initially devoted himself to killing Christians, but his encounter with Jesus changed everything for him. Everything that had been important became 'dog-dung' in comparison to knowing Jesus.

- What impacts you most about these verses?
- What do these verses teach us about how to live a life of devotion to Jesus?
- What are we prepared to lay down or sacrifice in order to follow Jesus more closely?
- How has knowing Jesus become the greatest treasure in your life?
- "Life before Jesus was great. It is only now I have Jesus in my life I realise something was missing." How do you resonate with this statement?

**How do you know when you're in love?** According to eharmony, there are 5 benchmarks we can use to determine if we are in love. We can also use these as a spiritual health check to measure our love for Jesus.

- **You choose them every time**  
When have you had to make a deliberate choice to put Jesus first?
- **You will do whatever it takes**  
We can't make Jesus love us any more or any less than he already does! What does John 14:15 teach us about pleasing Jesus? Why do we try and please Him?
- **Nothing compares**  
John Piper asked that if we could have heaven with no sicknesses, the best food there is and all the natural beauty we ever saw.....could we be satisfied in heaven if Jesus wasn't there?
- **You become like them**  
Although we are not perfect, our call is to become more like Jesus. What aspect of Jesus's character would you like to show more? How do people misrepresent Jesus?
- **You can't help but talk about them**  
How easy do we find it to talk about Jesus to others? What holds us back? Do we really believe that other people would be better off if Jesus was at the centre of their lives?

### Pray

Take a moment to reflect -do we need to find a new sense of devotion? Are we in love with Jesus, or are we stale and routine with him?

Share the names of non-Christian friends you regularly pray for or who you regularly share your faith with.

Pray for opportunities to invite people to the new Pixar series or Alpha in September.

Share any prayer needs you may have as the summer approaches and many are away on holiday.