

PREPARE

- ➔ **This gathering we will remember the Lord in the ordinance of communion.** Have your elements ready - bread (ideally a crusty, unsliced loaf to 'break' together) and a cup of grape juice or wine for dipping. [Listen to this training](#) for more detail.
- ➔ **Familiarize yourself with the order of service below and choose one or two discussion questions.** It's essential that people are allowed to answer freely - there are no wrong answers, provided they sincerely say what they think. People who are allowed to speak are better listeners and their hearts will be more open to the Word of God.
 - ▶ What makes some people "hard to love?"
 - ▶ What are the things in our own lives that could make us "hard to love?"
 - ▶ Describe some "good/right" things that some Christians attempt to do without love. How might these be received differently if they were done/said in love?
- ➔ **This week's message is entitled "Love: The Greatest Thing" in our series Vertical Living.** What is your love story as it pertains to love for God? Jesus said, the sincerity of your love for God is on display in the record of your actions toward the person in your life you find hardest to love. As followers of Christ we do this willingly and gladly. And while love is not the only thing that matters - it is the method to accomplish everything that does. **Matthew 22:34-40**
- ➔ **Close in communion and continue your gathering over a meal.** Biblical fellowship takes time to build - even in families! Sharing a meal with your gathering after worshipping together is watering fertile ground for good things to grow.

ORDER OF SERVICE

1. Start the Video	
2. Pause for Prayer	2 min
3. Worship (3 songs)	9 min
4. Pause for Discussion Questions	8 min
5. Scripture Reading	5 min
6. Prayer (group leader)	5 min
7. Message	50 min
8. The Lord's Table	9 min
9. Fellowship Meal	?

Total **90 min**