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Extravagant

BIG IDEA

We can love Jesus extravagantly.

KEY VERSE

Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that. *Ephesians* 5:2 (MSG)

LEADER TIP

Emphasize the extravagant ways Jesus loves us, and the extravagant ways we can love him.

1 | Hangout

SUPPLIES

None

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Discuss:
 - What's the most ridiculous thing someone you know has done for love?
 - Can you think of a time when you wanted to do something big and loving and over-the-top for someone? What happened?



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2 | Hear

SUPPLIES

Bibles

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Make sure everyone has access to a Bible.
- b. Guide the students to look up Ephesians 5:2 in a translation other than The Message.
- c. Discuss:
 - What does this verse say?
 - What do you think it means for us?
- d. Re-read Ephesians 5:2 using The Message (see first page of Leader Notes).
- e. Discuss:
 - What did you notice in this second translation?
 Did anything new stand out to you?
 - What does Jesus' extravagant love for us look like?
 - What might it look like for us to love Jesus extravagantly?

3 | Huddle

SUPPLIES

None

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Discuss:
 - Why does knowing that Jesus loves us extravagantly matter to us?
 - Do you want to show love to Jesus? If not, why not? If you do, what might loving Jesus look like in your life? For example, how could you love Jesus when you wake up tomorrow?
- b. Pray together about what the students have shared and discussed.