



unLOVEable WEEK 2

WELCOME 20 minutes (6:40-7:00pm)

Welcome to CommUNITY Group! Take a few minutes to catch up on how this past week has gone for everybody. If you'd like to start your group out with an icebreaker question, click the following link for a list of question to choose from: <https://goo.gl/ZTzqaZ>

PRAY 5 minutes (7:00-7:05pm)

Ask if anyone would be willing to pray for God to move during your discussion and to open your hearts and minds to the truth of His Word. If no one is comfortable doing so, its all yours leader!

DISCUSS 40 minutes (7:05-7:45pm)

- 1) What is your natural response when you discover that someone doesn't like you? (anger, sadness, apathy, try to change their mind, etc.?)
- 2) Read Isaiah 53:3-5. What do these verses tell us about Jesus' experience with being disliked?
- 3) In his sermon Aaron said, "The way we treat others, including those who don't like us, is 1) a response to how God has treated us and 2) a large part of the way we worship God." Do you agree with these statements? If so, how are they true and why do they matter?
- 4) Read Romans 12:1-2. What was the first of the "7 Ways to Love Those Who Don't Like You" that Aaron highlighted in these verses? (Answer: Think differently about them.) Discuss how this helps you love those who don't like you.
- 5) Romans 12:9 (NLT) says, "Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them..." How can we tell the difference between when we're really loving others and when we're just pretending?
- 6) Read Romans 12:14-21. What were the remaining six ways to love those who don't like you? (Answer: 2) pray for God to bless them, 3) celebrate with them, 4) cry with them, 5) pursue peace with them, 6) forgive them, 7) be generous towards them.) Which of these do you find the most challenging?
- 7) How might your relationships with those who dislike you change if you committed to doing these seven things on a regular basis?

PRAY 15 minutes (7:45-8:00pm)