

## Love Bible Talk: In Awe

Game: Love Song Dedication (Guess the Song using these lyrics)

1. **Love me like you do – Ellie Goulding**  
So love me like you do, lo-lo-love me like you do  
Love me like you do, lo-lo-love me like you do  
Touch me like you do, to-to-touch me like you do  
What are you waiting for?
2. **Love Yourself – Justin Bieber**  
'Cause if you like the way you look that much  
Oh baby you should go and love yourself  
And if you think that I'm still holdin' on to somethin'  
You should go and love yourself
3. **Rolling in the Deep – Adele**  
The scars of your love remind me of us  
They keep me thinking that we almost had it all  
The scars of your love, they leave me breathless  
I can't help feeling  
We could have had it all
4. **Kiss from a Rose – Seal**  
There used to be a graying tower alone on the sea.  
You became the light on the dark side of me.  
Love remained a drug that's the high and not the pill.  
But did you know, That when it snows,  
My eyes become large and, The light that you shine can be seen.
5. **10,000 Reasons – Matt Redman**  
You're rich in love  
And You're slow to anger  
Your name is great  
And Your heart is kind

### How does the world describe love? How do these songs describe love?

- Love is so often an emotion, a feeling, something instant and even elusive at times
- it is something we all need and crave

### Today we are looking at God's love and see the similarities and the differences

#### READ JOHN 3:1-21

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

4 "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not

be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

9 "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

10 "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? 11 Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. 12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. 19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. 20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. 21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

## Context:

Who is Nicodemus? – Israel's Teacher (member of the Jewish Ruling Council, Authority on God)

Why does he come to Jesus at Night? – scared to be seen with Jesus? Ashamed?

What is his motive for coming to Jesus?

Why does Nicodemus use such warm, loving language when he first comes to Jesus?

How does Jesus Respond?

Where does the loving language go after Jesus' response?

Does Nicodemus Love God and Jesus? (Open Discussion, surely he must – but in the wrong way?)

## Teaching:

Jesus then makes one of the most profound statements in history: John 3:16

What does he mean by God so loved the world, he gave his only son?

Why does Jesus talk about himself in the third person? (Open Discussion)

Why is what Jesus saying so incredible? How is it different to Nicodemus's Love?

Jesus talks about condemnation right after love, how can this be?

What would it look like for us to give up our most prized possession to someone?

What would it look like if that person was our enemy?

## Application:

Why is Jesus' and God's love different to the song lyrics we heard earlier?

How does the world love? How does the world teach love? (Emotions, Intense feelings, joyless obedience)

Why is this so profound? Why is God's Love full of substance? (Already his enemy, nothing to gain)

What are the ways we love, and look for love? (Are we looking to the world and its fake love?)

Are we content with God's Love? Should we be looking for the right Love in God?

Feel free to add or change whatever you wish – the point is to have the audience leave knowing God is a God of love and real love can only be found in him.