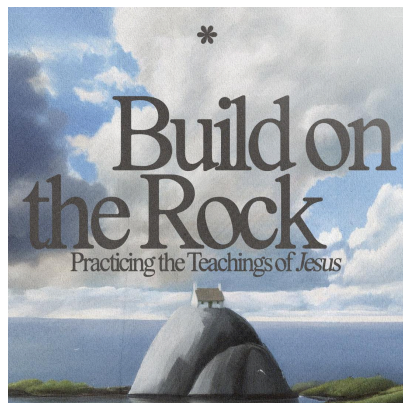




People of Love - Katy Myers

Icebreaker:

1. What season would you be? Winter, spring, summer, or autumn?
2. What is one country you'd like to visit and why?

Summary:

It's easy to feel like the world we live in is soaked in division and hate. Jesus calls Christians to follow His example and to be people of love - even to our enemies and those we disagree with most.

Engage the Bible:

- Matthew 5:43-47

Small Group Questions:

- When someone says the word enemy, do you think of someone close to you or far away?
- Have you ever committed to praying for an enemy? What did that do in your heart?
- Share about a time someone offered you love, grace, and understanding you didn't deserve. How did that make you feel?
- Share about a time you gave someone what they "deserved." How did that make you feel? What were the repercussions of that choice?
- Which of the losing strategies Katy talked about (willpower, more bible study, zap from heaven, shut down) do you find yourself falling into while trying to practice the way of Jesus?
- How do you stay connected to the vine?
- What is one practical next step you could take this week? (come to God honestly, stay connected to the vine, practice)