

1. What triggers cause you to act unlovingly towards people in your family or your community? What results occur when you do?

2. Read 1 Peter 1:22-25. What scenario (indicative) does Peter present? How are the souls of believers purified according to vv22-25? What does Peter say about God's Word in this context and why do you think he belabors the point?

3. What imperative does Peter offer in v22? What words does he use to qualify the kind of love about which he is speaking? What is the goal for the kind of love for which he advocates?

4. Read 1 Peter 2:1-3. What is the second scenario (indicative) that Peter describes? Though v1 may have an imperatival force, how did Andy encourage us to consider it? Why is putting off those things linked to craving pure spiritual milk?

5. What imperative does Peter give in v2. What is Peter's primary point in using the "milk" metaphor? What is the outcome of craving pure spiritual milk?

6. Consider the primary principle from this text. Discuss how we as a church can continue to pursue relational maturity even amidst all the pressures we currently face. Then, pray and ask God to supply everything we need toward that end. Finally, ask God to help you consider one way that you can demonstrate "sincere brotherly love" this week.