

# Small Groups Study

## Chapter 6: When You're in Love

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**Warm Up:** When you were dating, were you ever separated by distance? What did you do to overcome the gap? According to Francis, the problem with our relationship with God is not distance, it's love.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What happens when loving God becomes a duty or obligation? Where is the focus? Who gets the glory?
2. Francis indicates that most of us struggle with either intimacy or reverence. Which of the two do you seem to struggle with the most? Has it always been that way in your relationship with God? If not, what changed? When did it change?

### Read 2 Cor. 4:7-18

3. List five of your "light and momentary" struggles.
4. Do they feel "light and momentary"? How are you handling them? Or, are they handling you?
5. Is God showing you anything in these struggles? Are you even looking to move in His direction?

Francis says, "There is nothing better than giving up everything and stepping into a passionate love relationship with God."

6. Point to something in your life that indicates you believe those words. If you believe them, there ought to be something. *If there's nothing to point to, do you have the courage to be honest with God and your friends about it?*

### Read Revelation 3:20, Luke 7:36-50

7. The image of Jesus standing at the door knocking is from the Jewish Wedding Customs. What is he really doing? What's he asking?
8. This morning Pastor Steve said, "**Just because you're invited, doesn't mean you'll be welcome.**" Have you ever been invited somewhere or to something only to find out when you went you weren't really wanted? Do you believe people do that with Jesus? Have you?
9. Read Gal. 5:6 from the message. How is your love for Jesus being expressed?

*For in Christ, neither our most conscientious religion nor disregard of religion amounts to anything. What matters most is something far more interior: faith expressed in love.*

*Galatians 5:6 (MSG)*