**Introduction**

**I Believe in God, but…**

I am not SURE that He loves me.

What is Love? Take a few minutes, alone, or with the person next to you to come up with a definition, or maybe a description of what love is.

**What’s Love Got to Do With It?**

How does this world tend to view and define love?

How certain is love in this world? How lasting? Give some examples of where you see this.

How does this begin to cloud our idea of love?

What things keep us from being confident, sure of God’s love for us?

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What are some of the things that kept God’s people in the Bible from being certain of his love for them?

Job 42:5-6/ 1 Corinthians 15:9

Exodus 3:11/ 1 Chronicles 29:14/ Judges 6:15-16

Genesis 15:1-6 John 21:15-19

Can you think of others?

**Love Is In the Air**

The Greek’s had a number of different words for love. (at least 6…but only 4 are used in Scripture.) See if you can put an idea or definition for each one:

Στοργή (storgé)-

Εροσ (eros)-

Φιλέω (phileo)-

ἀγάπη (agapé)-

Which word(s) do you think God has for you and for me?

Why is this important? What does it say about God? About how he feels about us?

**Read the following passages.** What does each passage teach you about God’s love? His love for you?

1 John 4:8-10 Romans 5:8

1 Peter 4:8 Jeremiah 31:3

Romans 8:38-39 Ephesians 5:25-27

Scan Luke 15.

Agree/Disagree. God’s love is dependent on you.

Agree/ Disagree. There is nothing you can do to make God love you more, and nothing you can do to make him love you less.

Where then does my confidence come from?