

MOOREBANK – HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCHES

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION

Topic: The God Who Loves

1. When you hear that God loves you, what are your initial thoughts and feelings? What fears do you have about this?

Read Romans 5:1-11.

2. List all the things in this passage that God has accomplished for us through Jesus?

3. Why has God done all these things? Did he love us before he forgave us or only after? Does he only love the perfect version of us or the broken and messy version that we currently are?

Read Romans 8:1-11.

4. List all of the things in this passage that God has accomplished for us through the Holy Spirit? How does the work of the Holy Spirit relate to the work of Jesus on the cross?

5. The heart of this passage is our adoption as God's children. What does it mean that we are 'sons of God'? How can this be?

6. If God considers us as his own family, then what implications can we draw from this concerning his love?

Read Romans 8:33-39.

7. List all of the different fears that this passage addresses concerning whether God loves us?

8. What is Paul's response to all these fears? What is his take-home message concerning God's love?

9. How has our understanding of God's love for us changed through this study? How do we feel about it now? Do we still have any fears?

How we should respond

10. **Read Romans 12:10 and 13:8.** How should we respond to God's love for us?

11. What are some practical ways we can love one another, that are more than the indifference of modern sentimental love?