



Uncommon Week #1 :: Uncommon Beginnings

Start Talking:

- 1) Adam showed a video clip from the television show, *This Is Us* and shared how the show's popularity comes from the uncommon approach of depicting real, imperfect people. What makes this approach to television so appealing?
- 2) Uncommon- is unexpected, different, a surprise: What are some uncommon actions (or reactions) you've witnessed from people (in your life, or the media, or social media) recently?

Talk It Over:

Read John 13:34-35 & 1st John 4:16b-19

- 1) How has the uncommon and unexpected love of Jesus surprised you today? This week? In your life?

- 2) John 13:34 calls us to love as Jesus loved...how would you describe that type of love?
- 3) What are some differences between the love of Jesus and its imposter: religion?
- 4) Adam share that Jesus doesn't always remove our "rock bottom" moments, but He can always resurrect them. What situations or circumstances of your life could be used as examples for others of uncommon hope?

Moving Forward:

- 1) What are some barriers to loving others?
- 2) Where do you have an opportunity to practice the uncommon love of Jesus? What would it look like to love others the way Jesus has loved you?
- 3) What perspective would you need to embrace to begin loving people like Jesus? What would have to shift?
- 4) Fear wants control. But there is no fear in God's love. His perfect love drives out fear. God's love, expressed through Jesus's death and resurrection, gives fear something to fear. God's love causes fear to tremble. If you want to overcome your fear, identify it and believe God's love can overcome it.