Covered In Dust-Head: Love of Others

Text: 1 John 4:7-10; Matthew 25:37-40; Matthew 5:43-48; Luke 10:33-37

Purpose: To believe and experience God's love for us, so that we can be like Him in loving others who are easy and difficult to love.

Opening Question: What kind of people do you love being around?

Read and Discuss: 1 John 4:7-10

- 1. What are some ways that Jesus modeled what it was like to love others?
- 2. What are some challenges you face in loving others? What makes loving some people difficult?
 - 3. How does God's undeserving love to us free us to love others well?

Read and Discuss: Matthew 25:37-40; *Matthew 5:43-48; Luke 10:33-37*

- 4. Who are the "least of these" in your life? What ways do you extend love to people who are forgotten in our culture?
- 5. Why is it important to Jesus that we love our enemies? What are the rewards for loving our enemies?
- 6. How do we love our enemies, but have right boundaries? Is there an example in your life of someone who is difficult to love? How do you rightly love them but protect yourself?
- 7. What challenges you in loving people who are different than you? Different race, ethnicity, background, religion?