

# *first place* love HOME GROUPS GUIDE:

**JULY #1 OF 2**

Every class will choose when to gather in homes, about twice a month, to share what class members are learning and to go deeper together in prayer. These in-home gatherings are for believers to encourage one another in applying the truths learned in the prior two Worship Service sermons and the two prior Sunday School lessons. This will give you an extended opportunity to **See and Share** together with like-minded believers wanting to make the most of this opportunity.

**The equipment:** your Bible, *first [place] love LEARNER GUIDES*, and sermon notes from the last 2 weeks (sermon notes and the pastor's sermon is on [www.fbcwinnsboro.org](http://www.fbcwinnsboro.org) click on **first place love**)



1. What is a good analogy for comparing our sins with each other vs. comparing our sins to God? What is meant in Session 5 by “everyone is a sub-one-percent-er”? In what sense is this statement biblically accurate?
2. Which statement about our sin affects you the most— 1) the truckload of 75,000+ sins we accumulate in a lifetime, 2) the fact that our sin is spiritual adultery against God, or 3) the wrath of God that rests on those who are not saved?
3. Review the week five session, section 2. What is a statement or truth from that section that helps you more deeply feel the depth of God's love for you?
4. How is the Numbers 16 story a picture of the cross? What does it say about the wrath of God that Jesus bore for the sins of these in Numbers 16—as well as the sins of the whole world?
5. From the pastor's July 5 sermon: Is it God's will that we are happy? What is wrong with the pursuit of happiness? How is the pursuit of holiness connected with happiness? In what way is this statement true or false: *“As Christ is supreme as my first love, and as He reigns in my life as Lord, I am as happy as I could possibly be.”*
6. Paul states in 1 Corinthians 15:17 that if the resurrection didn't happen, we are still dead in our sins—even if the cross still happened. How is true?
7. What are several reasons for believing in the historical truthfulness of the resurrection? Explain that as if you were explaining to a non-believer.
8. How does the resurrection display the glory of Christ?
9. From the pastor's July 12 sermon: Who/what are enemies that want to come to the forefront of our Christian experience, instead of Christ?
10. What are statements or Scriptures the Holy Spirit has used to increase the fervency of your love for the Lord over the last two weeks? What has stirred you to fully surrender to the Lordship of Jesus over the last two weeks?