Small Group Questions

Follow Jesus…Yes, But Where? (Trinitarian Love as the Heart of Spiritual Formation)

1. What does the phrase “Following Jesus” mean to you personally?

2. From these two different texts, what does Jesus think is implied in “following Jesus”?

* Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and **follow me**.
* "Come, **follow me**," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."
1. From the following texts from John’s gospel, where is Jesus leading his followers? (Subtitle will give you a hint!)
* “As the Father has **loved** me, so have I **loved** you.” (John 15:9)
* “On that day (when the Holy Spirit comes) you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you…He who **loves** me will be **loved** by my Father, and I too will **love** him and show myself to him.” (14:20-21)
* “I no longer call you servants for a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead I have called you friends, for everything I learned from my Father I have made known to you.” (John 15:14, 15)
* “…just as you are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us…and know that you **loved** them even as you have **loved** me.” (John 1721-23)
* “I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the **love** you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.” (John 17:26)
* Jesus replied, "Anyone who **loves** me will obey my teaching. My Father will **love** them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.
1. What is the result of us being led into the heart of Trinitarian love?
* Hint: It has to do with the greatest commandment, the second greatest commandment, the New Commandment, the “greatest of these”, the primary “fruit of the Holy Spirit”, the “goal of our instruction”…the big enchilada!! We become Co-L\_\_\_\_s with God!

4. Application: Share your experience in being brought into the love of the Trinity. Share you unmet longing in experiencing the love of the Trinity.