Week 4 – Perfecting Love
Example Questions

We want your group to wrestle with questions that are relevant to your group. To tackle questions and issues that are sources of confusion and opportunities for growth for *your* students.

Confusion: If Moses needed a veil over his face to hide the glory, how come we don't shine like he did? Or is there a way we are supposed to shine?

Thinking: This whole section is one we have to grapple with intellectually. When we hear the gospel, we easily think of God's holiness and the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. But we don't often think of God's desire to perfect us in holiness. Is this really an essential part of the gospel?

Being: Philippians 1:6 says that we aren't yet perfect, but that God is taking us there. If we're not yet perfect, what are we? And what does this say about our identity? Likely, it should say that we're still very much prone to sin. And if it's possible we can still sin since we're not yet perfect, we have to take extra care to keep striving everyday to see God.

Doing: The 1 John 4 passage makes it clear that we can halt God's love from perfecting us *if* we don't love others. So take a minute to be practical and ask your core group this: who in your life do you need to *show* love to? For college students, roommates and family members come to mind quickly. After students have named someone, ask them how they're going to practically demonstrate love. Are they going to write a family member a letter? Take a roommate out to lunch? Have a tough conversation, in love, with a roommate who's walking away from Jesus? What are they practically going to do?

Going: If perfecting love is true, then evangelism is a necessary part of our lives. Not only do we share the gospel so that others can be saved and glorify God, but we also share because God uses this act of obedience to perfect us in love. So the tough question- who in your life have you been avoiding in sharing the gospel? What one thing can you do this week to make Jesus real to that person?