



MAY 10, 2015

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



ACTS 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48

PSALM 98:1, 2–3, 3–4

1 JOHN 4:7–10

JOHN 15:9–17

REFLECTION

“Love one another.” Imagine all the different kinds of love in your life—parents, siblings, friends, boy-friends or girlfriends, grandparents, cousins, mentors, teachers—and assign each kind of love a color in a box of crayons. When you think about all the people you’ve cared about and who have cared about you, you’d probably have a nice array of colors. Love is how we know God, as we hear in the First Letter from John (see 1 John 3:23). When you think about the peak moments of your life so far, and and imagine those in the future, most likely, love is a crucial element. Back to your box of crayons. You probably have or will have lots of different colors but even if you only had one it would be enough. To love is to know God. Or as Victor Hugo wrote in *Les Miserable*, “To love another person is to see the face of God.”



“WHEN WE LOVE”

LOVE & THE OUTCOME

www.youtube.com/watch?v=RgikilwUPiE

ACTION

The First Reading tells the story of a whole new group of people—people who were outsiders—receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit. Here is one more example of God reaching beyond the boundaries that human beings have established and showing that his love and mercy are for everyone. Find someone this week who is beyond the boundaries and do something loving for them. It doesn’t have to be candy or flowers, a smile and a hello is a good start.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- Who in your life is it easiest to love? Who is most difficult to love?
- What have you learned about God by caring about the people you love?