#### Special Speakers: James & Lacey Garcia

**Message Summary:** Love is the single greatest commandment from God to us but loving our neighbors the way Jesus loves us is not always easy. Loving ourselves can be even trickier. Special Speakers Lacey and James Garcia dive into the topic of what it looks like to love the way the Jesus tells us to, and how to practice that skill both outwardly and inwardly.

# A Common Thread

# **James Garcia**

- **1.** Why don't you like me?
- 2. The Bible does not tell us to Like
- **3.** What's the Difference?
  - a. Liking is temporary
  - b. Liking is self-centered
  - c. Liking doesn't require any effort
  - d. Love is outward facing
  - e. Love is an action
  - f. Love requires sacrifice

## Lacey Garcia

- **1.** Skill vs Will
- 2. Inward: How We View Ourselves
- 3. Outward: How We View Others
- 4. Love is a Verb

### LifeGroup QUESTIONS

OPEN IT (15min) - In what ways have you experienced love? (Please share without using names or gossiping).

EXPLORE IT (60min) – Review Sunday's sermon outline and answer the following questions:

- 1. Who in our community can you love on?
- 2. What challenges do you face that might prevent you from loving your neighbor?
- 3. How do you respond to people you disagree with? What can you do to improve that response?

APPLY IT (15min) - This week, how can you work on loving yourself, your neighbor, and your community?