Do you believe in love at first sight? Why or why not?

We just finished the Christmas season. If you spent any time on a streaming service, you saw that Hallmark type Christmas movies are EVERYWHERE! Why do you think these cheesy, predictable love stories are so popular?

Have you ever seen people whose love made you feel inspired?

How well do you think you love…

* Your pet?
* Your close friends?
* Your family?
* Your community?

There were three individuals talked about tonight (really lean into this part to help students imagine and discover themselves in them)…

* Tell me about Barabbas. Imagine him and his life.
* Tell me about the criminal on the cross. Imagine him and his life.
* Tell me about Peter. Imagine him and his life.

If you’re comfortable revealing it to the group, which one do you most identify with and why?

If you could sit across the table from Jesus and say anything to Him, what would you say?

* How do you think He would respond?
* What’s the most loving way He could respond?
* Is there a discrepancy between those two responses? Why or why not?

Have you ever felt overwhelmed by someone’s love for you?

* Do you think anyone has ever felt overwhelmed by the love you’ve shown?

Read 1John 4:9-12

* How does this verse inspire you?
* How does this verse challenge you?

