

God is Love

Please read: 1 John 4:7-21, Hosea 11:1-9

This week in Children's Worship, the kids are learning that God is love. In poetic detail, the book of Hosea tells the story of God's relentless love for His people (v. 11). Once again, God pursues His people, the chosen nation, offering the acceptance and provision they were searching for.

Why would He do this? Why would He not reject the nation that was so clearly rejecting Him? Because God *is* love. He is not only loving in His actions but it is a part of His being. "In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him" (1 John 4:9). Through the giving of Himself we experience the love of God.

Even though the Bible describes God's love as unconditional (Psalm 103:11) and a part of who He is, we tend to understand His love through our experiences with other people. The problem is that we love imperfectly. Our understanding of God's love ought not be determined by our broken experiences, but by His sacrifice.

God loves you not because of what you do, but because of who He is. Therefore, you can find rest and assurance in the love of the One who formed you and calls you mine (Isaiah 43:1).