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LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

December 10, 2017

The Father Heart of God: The Gift of Love

Text: 1 John 4.7-19

1. Where do we find the source and motivation to love one another? How does the answer to this question alter the way you strive to love others?
2. What does someone's lack of love for others say about them?
3. God has revealed himself as light (1 John 1:5) and love (1 John 4:8). What do these characteristics tell us about God?
4. Have you ever doubted God's love for you? How does 1 John 4:9 encourage us during these times of doubt?
5. How is love defined in 1 John 4:10–11? How does this definition of love change the way you love others?
6. Do you struggle with having assurance about salvation? Why or why not? What do we learn from 1 John 4:14–18 about receiving assurance?

PRAY:

1. Pray for the group to experience the love of God for them in Christ and to respond in love toward others by the power of the Holy Spirit.
2. Pray for members of the group who have struggled with receiving or doubting God's love for them.
3. Pray for those who have struggled with being sure about their salvation, that they would clearly see their right standing with God, based on the work Jesus has done for them.

DO: Perform one thoughtful action for a different person each day this week. Observe not only their response, but your own. If your response is one of joy, ask yourself why you're joyful and examine whether your answers are centered on God's glory or something else. Discuss these experiences with your group the next time you meet.