



HTC SMALL GROUP

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: GOD IS LOVE

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Scripture: 1 JOHN 4: 7-21

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Read verses 7-21

1. If someone were to ask you what it means when the Bible says, “God is love,” what would you say?
2. Read over 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. How have you seen God show love in the way love is described?
3. Besides love, what is another defining characteristic of God that comes to mind?
4. Why does this passage make such a big deal about love beginning with God?
5. Why does the sending of His Son represent God’s greatest expression of love? How is the Son described in verse 9 and why is this important? What about verse 10?
6. List some of the many things we rely upon in an average day. How does relying on God’s love compare? How might a bad day look better if you relied more on God’s love?
7. What does it mean when it says in verse 18, “There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear”? How does this verse challenge you?
8. Serving as bookends for this passage is the idea that “God’s love received must be God’s love given.” What verses speak to this? Why is this point made again and again?
9. According to this passage, what completes God’s love in a person? Why?
10. Verse 20 gives an easy way to tell if the person who says, “I love God” really does. What is it?
11. Why can’t a person love God and hate his brother?
12. In what ways does 3:16-18 challenge us to show love?
13. How has this week’s study impacted you? Any changes you need to make?