

**POINT:** LOVE as I have LOVED YOU

How did God speak to you through Sunday's message?

1. Read 1 John 4:7-21. What are we instructed to do in v7? Why are we told to do this? How does this love differ from the general sense of love used in society?

2. Do "Christians" make too much or too little of love? Read 1 John 4:7-11 and detect the arguments John makes for the importance of this love.

How central is this love in our daily life? Give some examples of how God's love does influence or should shape our daily life.

3. Read 1 John 4:12-16. What does "ought" tell us about the importance of God's love and loving one another?

In v12-16, the word "abide" or "live" occurs six times to describe our experience of mutual love and life with God—what does this emphasis tell us about the importance of love?

4. Read 1 John 4:17-21. How does the practice of loving one another perfect God's kind of love in us and give us confidence or make us

5. In v20-21, what is the falsehood that labels the claim, "I love God" a lie? How, in truth, do we prove that we love God?