

Now What?

Week 2 - Brian Kangas

“Thankserving”

Icebreaker: Would you like the ability to see in the future? What you do with it?

Topics for Discussion:

Have each person read 1 John 4:9-21, a few verses at a time. Don't be afraid to pause and ask questions or comment.

- We have received the gift of love from God. He sent his son into the world to be a sacrifice in our stead. How does someone show gratitude for a gift?
 - Is there a desire to do something in-kind for the giver? His love was an act of service on our behalf. What kind of response “makes sense” when someone gives you their life?
 - In verse 11, John says, “we surely ought to love each other.” How does one show love?
- Serving/Giving are meaningless when asked for -- they must be “gifted”, which is to say they cost you something, but don't cost the receiver anything.
 - What are some ways that you can show love for another through service or giving?

Things to Consider:

- Besides money or time, with what are some other ways that you can give or serve another? If you can only think of money or time, give some specific examples.

Going Deeper:

- As this is the only reasonable response to Jesus' sacrifice for us, where and how would you like to serve to show your gratitude for what you have received?

Prayer: A gift costs something. It might sting a little. Pray that we each have the fortitude and devotion to give, even that which hurts, to show love for each other and for others.