

Sunday Centerpoint

Key Takeaways:

1. Love is not just a feeling; it is a reflection of divine love
2. Cultural love is often reduced to emotions and feelings
3. Biblical love originates from God and flows through us to others
4. God IS love, not just loving
5. Everything God does is an expression of love
6. God's love is perfect, even when we don't understand or agree with His actions
7. God's wrath is part of His love
8. God has wrath toward sin and sinners
9. Propitiation means God sent Jesus to take His wrath in our place
10. The more we love someone, the more capable we are of righteous anger when they're harmed
11. We are called to love one another as an overflow of God's love
12. Our love for others should reflect God's love for us
13. Sometimes love means speaking truth, not just affirming feelings

Discussion Questions:

1. Read 1 John 4:7-12. What stands out to you most from this passage?
2. Jason said "God is love" rather than "God is loving." What's the difference, and why does it matter?
3. What does the word "propitiation" mean? Why is this concept both comforting and confronting?

Practical Applications:

1. Who in your life is hardest for you to love right now? How might viewing them through the lens of "God's love flowing through you" change your approach?
2. The honeymoon phase in relationships was mentioned—when feelings fade and what was cute becomes annoying. For those married or in long-term relationships: How can you love your spouse/friend as a reflection of divine love rather than just feelings? What would change?
3. Our culture makes it easy to hate from a distance (online, toward groups we disagree with, etc.). What practical steps can you take this week to replace hate with love in one specific area?

