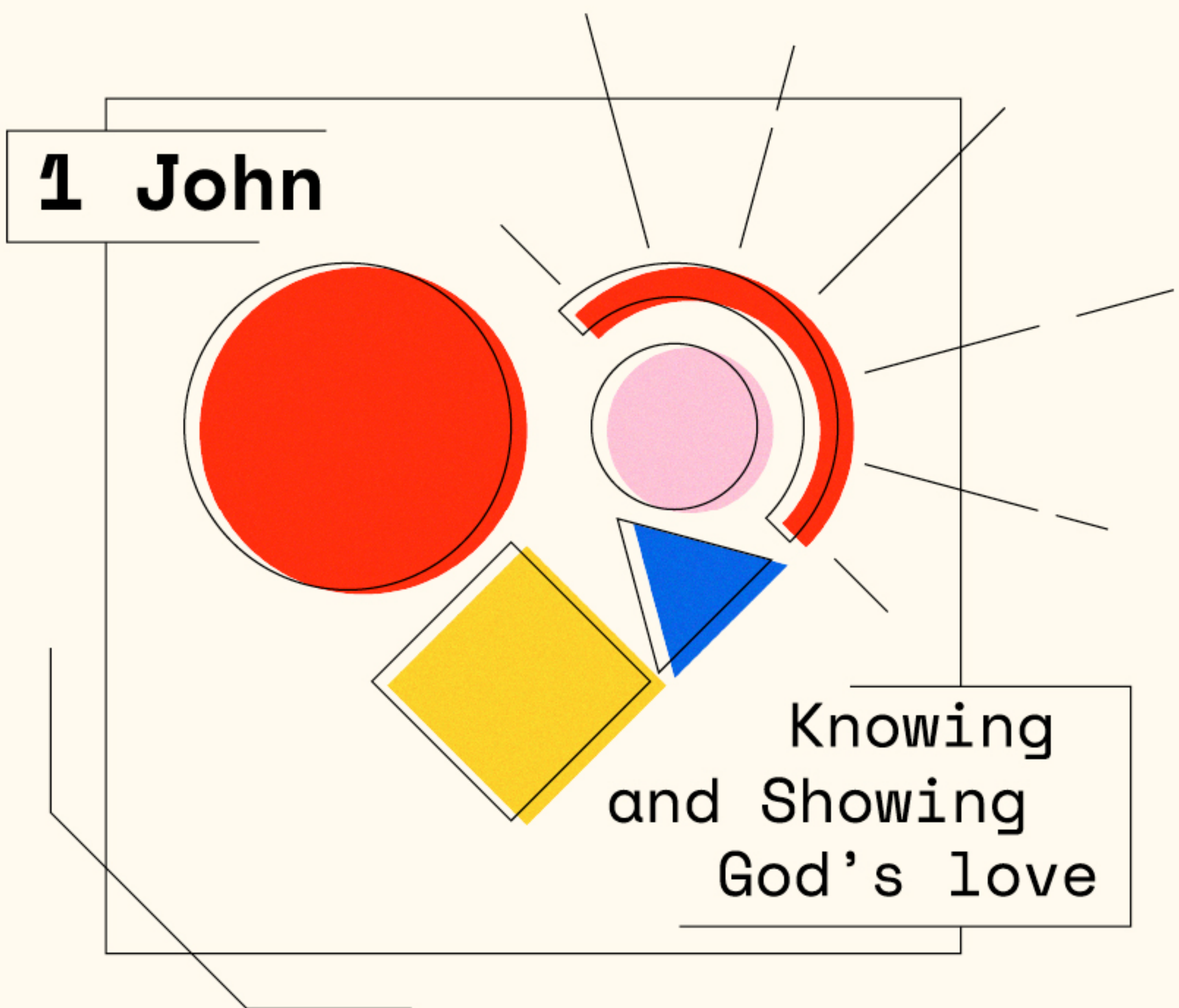


Small Group Notes

Sermon: 6 February 2022



Overview

On Sunday we looked at 1 John 2:7 -14 - what it is to live in love, light and truth.

We studied John's affectionate words to his friends, challenging wrongful thinking and encouraging them to look to Jesus's example of loving others.

1 John 2:7-14

Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. ⁸ At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. ⁹ Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. ¹⁰ Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. ¹¹ But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

¹² *I am writing to you, little children,*

because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

¹³ *I am writing to you, fathers,*

because you know him who is from the beginning.

*I am writing to you, young men,
because you have overcome the evil one.*

*I write to you, children,
because you know the Father.*

¹⁴ *I write to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.*

*I write to you, young men,
because you are strong,
and the word of God abides in you,
and you have overcome the evil one.*

Questions

1. What difference does it make knowing that God's plan was always for a people and not just individuals?
2. How can we as the people of God be different to the world?
3. How could you show sacrificial love to others?
4. How can we abide in the light of Christ to protect us from stumbling?
5. Are you prone to 'praying' or 'pouting' when faced with disappointment or disagreement within the church?

6. Do you have a testimony of broken fellowship being reconciled ?
7. Do you need prayer to help with unforgiveness?
8. Who is God calling you to forgive?