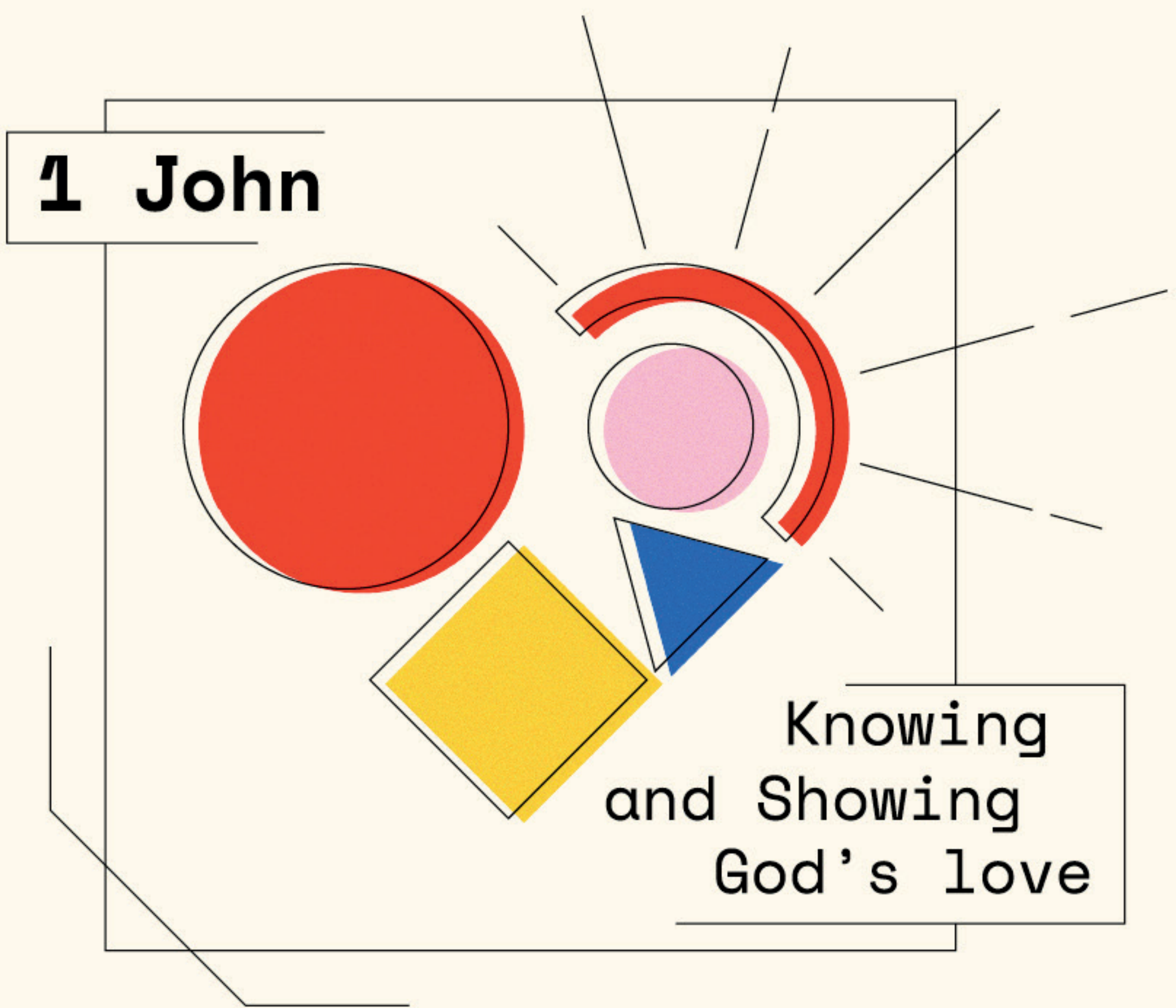


Small Group Notes

Sermon: 13 March 2022



Scripture

1 John 4:7-21

Overview

On Sunday Mark Nottage spoke to us from 1 John 4:7-21 . “God is Love”. He started by explaining why such a commonly misquoted and misunderstood statement is challenging to get our heads around. The verses remind us that following His example in our love for others, including those we don’t find lovely, is to be the mark of His church

Questions

We see in these verses that we are commanded to love. As we can not command feelings, it follows that this command means loving like He did, with actions.

1. What aspects of “God is Love’ do you find most challenging?
2. How can we grow in loving those we don’t find particularly lovely?

Mark highlighted that the verses give us the inescapable fact that our love for others, or lack of love for others, is the ultimate sign of whether ‘He lives in you’.

3. Rather than “try harder to be

nice”, these verses remind us that when we encounter Jesus, when we “abide in Him and He is us”, the natural (but not necessarily the inevitable) response is to demonstrate love others.

4. How can we grow in the impact that Him living in us, has?