

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: What's the difference between knowing about God and knowing God? What changes take place in your life when you have a genuine relationship with God? How can you be assured that your relationship with God is real? Let's discover what it means to abide.

Can you know that you really know God?

Abide: to stay or remain.

Four Keys to Knowing God:

- 1) Embrace the Facts about Jesus.
- 2) Experience Friendship with Jesus.
- 3) Enjoy Fellowship with Christians.
- 4) Evidence of Fruitfulness because of Jesus.

Love's Flow:

1 John 4:7-21 (ESV)

- 1) Love Flows from God – He's the Source.

Devotion to Jesus is the place where the Human Heart is most Satisfied.

- 2) Love Flows through Jesus - At the Cross.
- 3) Love Flows through us to Each Other – by the Holy Spirit.

What is Love? It's Selfless and Sacrificial.

- 4) Love Flows through us to The World – to be a Witness.

If you don't want others to know God, you may not really know God.

What's Flowing Through Your Life: Love or Fear?

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) Read 1 John 4:7-10. Have you ever looked to someone other than God to be your primary source for Love? Has someone ever looked to you? How did that go?
- 3) Read 1 John 4:11-13. Has God ever given you the ability to love others in a way that was truly costly and generous? Do others love you this way? Share an example.
- 4) Read 1 John 4:14-17. Have you ever awakened someone's need for God simply by the way you displayed God's love to them? Do you desire that other's know God's love? Explain.
- 5) Read 1 John 18-21. How can you tell if you're motivated by the love of God verses fear of punishment from God?