

Small Group Questions | September 4, 2022 | 1 John 4:7-21, “God Is Love”

1. In verse 8, what does it mean that God is love? Why is it important that John says “God is love” rather than “love is God”?

2. How does the world generally think of love? How does the example of Christ (verses 9 and 10) show that God’s love is different from the world’s idea of love?

3. What does it mean that God’s love “is perfected in us” (verse 12). What is the intended purpose or outcome of God’s love toward us?

4. Have you ever struggled with doubt or assurance of salvation? Were there any passages or resources that were helpful to you in that struggle? According to verse 13, how do we know that God abides within us?

5. In verse 18, why does John say love is incompatible with fear? Discuss the right way to fear God versus the wrong way to fear Him (compare Ecclesiastes 12:13 with 1 John 4:18).

6. How is it a comfort to know that God loved us even before we loved him? (Verse 19)